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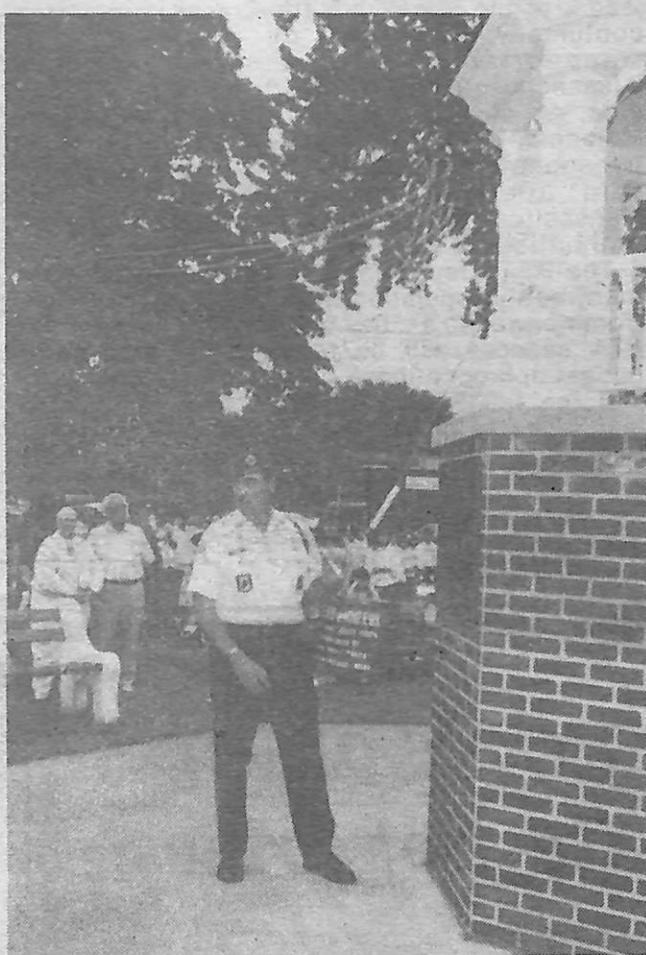
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Memorial Day Was Truly "Memorable"



A LARGER-THAN-USUAL TURNOUT participated in the Town of Agawam's 1998 Memorial Day ceremonies. This year's observance was especially noteworthy because Agawam native George James Kupec was posthumously honored by the United States military. IN LEFT PHOTO: Kenneth Morytko of American Legion Post 185 in Agawam. IN CENTER PHOTO: Commander John Beal (VFW Post 1632) with Lynn Litchfield, daughter of George Kupec. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Congressman Richard Neal, State Rep. Daniel Keenan, Barbara Kupec (George's widow), Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Agawam Town Councilor Nancy Thompson. (See related story and photos on Pages 15 through 19.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Melconian, Council Pushing For Control Of County-Owned Land

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As the clock winds down toward the end of county government on July 1st, state and local officials ponder the fate of county-owned land in Feeding Hills and Agawam and seek solutions to the problem of the unfunded pension liability for the county retirees and employees who will become state employees in less than a month.

Last week, State Senator Linda Melconian filed a bill that will allow Agawam to purchase county-owned land on School St. and on South Westfield Street rather than have the title transferred to the state in July.

Under the terms of Melconian's bill, the land transfers serve a valid state purpose by ensuring the School St. parcel is used for agricultural, horticultural, or recreational use to preserve open space and by requiring the Feeding Hills parcel be used for a regional industrial park.

The town will pay the state the full and fair market value for the two parcels, totaling approximately 234 acres, in a user friendly payment plan

designed to ease the burden for bonding costs on the town.

The 50-plus acres on School Street will be paid for in a lump sum, five years after the town takes the title. The larger parcel on South Westfield Street will be paid for in installments beginning in three years. The town will pay five percent of the assessed value each year for 20 years, without having to pay interest.

Control Over Future Use

"What's of critical importance is the town gaining control over the future use of the property," Johnson said. "This bill will see the land transferred to Agawam and used positively and it will protect the town from an undesirable state facility, like a state prison."

Johnson said no specific plans are in the works for the School St. site, except to preserve it as open space. For the 80 developable acres of the 195-acre parcel on South Westfield Street, Johnson envisions a second, much smaller green-space park similar to the existing Agawam

Regional Industrial Park.

"I'm hoping to enter a relationship with a non-profit developer, like WestMass," Johnson said. "We'd want to develop the land so that it wouldn't cost our community anything."

Besides bringing the benefits of economic development to the town and to the region, an industrial park on the Feeding Hills site could mean that sewer service may be extended to the pockets of residential development currently using septic systems.

"In order to effectively develop an industrial park, we'd have to look at extending sewer service through an economic development grant, making it less costly and possibly feasible to extend the service to residential areas," Johnson said.

The town has been trying to acquire the county property for the last 11 years; first, through legislation filed by then State Representative Michael Walsh, and subsequently through an ongoing legal tug-of-war with the county.

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On Monday evening, Town Council voted 10-0 in support of a resolution encouraging the state to assume the unfunded pension liability for all Hampden County retirees and employees. Councilor Gina Letellier abstained from the vote, noting that her father receives a pension from the county retirement system.

Second Time In Three Months

It was the second time in three months the council voted to push for the state to remove the burden of county retirees' unfunded pension liability from the cities and towns who will remain members of the Hampden County Retirement system when the county ceases to exist next month.

The latest resolution cited State Representative Daniel Keenan's amendment to the House budget which transfers the unfunded pension liability to the state's retirement system, while allowing the state to retain the ability to recover the payment from the 23 cities and towns of the soon-to-be defunct county (if the county's liabilities exceed its assets).

Also under consideration in Boston is an amendment to the Senate budget, written by Senator Linda Melconian, which calls for the state to assume the unfunded pension liability without charging the costs back to the municipalities of the former Hampden County.

Johnson said he favors Melconian's proposal over Keenan's amendment because it would be cheaper for the town. But, some language in the Senate proposal has Johnson researching ways to pull Agawam out of the retirement system altogether.

Johnson doesn't agree with the interpretation of the Senate legislation that would allow the county clerk to continue to collect a salary of more than \$62,000 when the county goes out of business. The county clerk earns a salary of about \$59,000 and receives a stipend of \$3,000 per year for serving as the chairman of the retirement board. Under the Senate proposal, the county treasurer's salary is transferred to the retirement

board.

But Johnson maintains it makes no sense, logically or financially, to, in effect, give the retirement board chairman a \$59,000 raise when the workload will decrease by 26 percent when the county employees leave the system in July.

Furthermore, he is looking at ways to pull Agawam out of the county retirement system to start the town's own retirement system or to join with an existing system that minimizes administration costs.

Most Cost Efficient System

"I want to be in the most cost-efficient system possible in terms of administrative costs," Johnson said. "Ultimately, that will be the least expensive system for Agawam and moving to another system will have no effect whatever on our existing retirees."

Besides reviewing the retirement board's administrative costs, Johnson plans to review the performance of their investment portfolio.

Johnson said Agawam's share of the \$1 million budget for the retirement board is in excess of \$250,000.

"That's a lot of money, especially when you look at the amount of work in administering Agawam retirees," Johnson said.

Unless the state takes over the unfunded portion of the pensions currently being paid by Hampden County, the remaining member units of the retirement system will be stuck with a bill for approximately \$1.6 million each year.

As the largest community to participate as a member of the County Retirement System, Agawam will be faced with picking up the largest share of the county's pension liability.

For the first half of the next fiscal year alone, the town is being assessed an additional \$474,000 over and above the amount the town is already paying to fully fund the pensions of Agawam municipal retirees.

"Dan Keenan did a lot of work getting this on the radar screen," Johnson said. "I give him a lot of credit for getting people at the state level talking about the issue."

Melconian Expands PVTa Services

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced recently the inclusion in the Senate Ways and Means FY'99 Budget of a major commitment to expand services for the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority.

Regional Transit Authorities throughout the Commonwealth will be eligible for forward funding on expanded night and weekend service.

"This is wonderful news for our seniors who have submitted hundreds of petitions and patiently waited for extended weekend and Sunday service, and those on transitional assistance who need extended night service to fulfill their work requirements," Melconian said.

The PVTa expanded services will include extended weekday and Saturday night service in some areas as late as 1:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in other areas, as well as instituting Sunday and Holiday service for the first time in 20 years.

There has not been an increase in services for the RTA's since 1991. While the MBTA's budget has grown and expanded in size, the RTA's, which operate outside of the greater Boston area, have been unable to expand and provide needed services to their communities.

"The Regional Transit Authorities throughout the state want to thank Senator Melconian for her leadership on this issue. She stood out as the leader of the Massachusetts Transit Authorities, continually advocating for adequate public transportation outside of the MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority) service area. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Senator Melconian on her tireless efforts to expand public transportation throughout the Commonwealth," said Joe Constanzo, President of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities.

The RTA's represent 51.4 percent of the Commonwealth population, and 61.8 percent of the Commonwealth's cities and towns. The extended RTA services will be forward funded through budget appropriations.

If the full Senate approves the RTA budget language, the bill will proceed to the Joint FY99 Budget Conference Committee for final action.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, that can be brought in on Mondays.

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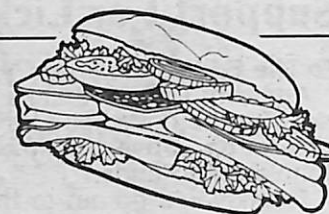
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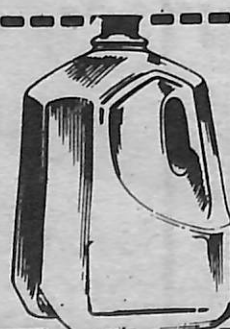
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Guest Editorial...

Sunning Time Is Here — Or Is It?

by Cindy Sanford-Taylor
Vice-President, Agawam Junior Women's Club

Put away the baby oil. Toss out that old metal sun reflector. Cancel your next appointment to the local tanning salon. These are new days with new ways of sunning, and the practices that traditionally have gone into obtaining the so-called "healthy tanned" look are on the verge of fading into history.

Why? According to the health experts from the following organizations — American Academy of Dermatology, American Cancer Society, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Skin Cancer Foundation, American Academy of Pediatricians, National Cancer Institute, National Weather Service, and Food and Drug Administration — the sun's ultraviolet rays are extremely harmful.

The thinning of the ozone layer must be taken seriously. The ozone layer screens out most of the UV rays, but not enough to prevent serious physical harm. As the ozone layer becomes more and more depleted, the rays of the sun become more harmful.

The following ailments can occur: Melanoma, a serious form of skin cancer; Actinic Keratoses, sun-induced skin growths that occur on body areas exposed to the sun; photoaging, the skin over time becomes thick, wrinkled, and leathery; cataracts and other eye damage; a loss of transparency in the lens which clouds vision; and Immune Suppression, which scientists discovered is a result of a sunburn that alters the distribution and function of disease-fighting

white blood cells in humans for up to 24 hours after exposure to the sun. This, over time, causes damage to the body's immune system.

What Are The Best Ways To Avoid Overexposure? Below are seven steps to safer sunning:

1. Avoid the sun. This is especially important between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest. Also avoid the sun when the UV Index is high in your area.

The UV Index is a number from 0 to 10-plus that indicates the amount of UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface during the hour around noon. The higher the number, the greater your exposure to UV radiation if you go outdoors.

The National Weather Service forecasts the UV Index daily in 58 U.S. cities. Check your local newspaper or TV and radio news broadcasts to learn the UV Index for your area. It is also available on the Internet at the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's home page, <http://nic.fb4.noaa.gov/>.

For those who think tanning is healthy, think again. Tanning denotes that the skin is injured.

2. Use sunscreen products. With labels stating "sunscreen" or "sunblock," these lotions, creams, ointments, gels, or wax sticks (when applied to the skin) absorb, reflect, or scatter some or all of the sun's rays.

Some sunscreen products, labeled "broad-spectrum," protect against two types of radiation: UVA and UVB. Scientists now believe that both UVA and UVB can damage the skin and lead to

skin cancer. Look for the FDA label that states the product's sun protection factor, or "SPF," from 2 on up.

Sunscreens should not be used on babies younger than six months because their bodies may not be developed enough to handle sunscreen chemicals. Instead, use hats, clothing, and shading to protect small babies from the sun. For children six months to two years, use a sunscreen with at least an SPF of 4, although 15 or higher is best.

3. Wear a hat.

A hat with at least a three-inch brim all around is ideal because it can protect areas often exposed to the sun, such as the neck, ears, eyes, and scalp. A shade cap has seven inches of material draping down the sides and back and is sold in sports and outdoor clothing and supply stores.

4. Wear sunglasses.

Sunglasses can help protect your eyes from sun damage. The ideal sunglasses don't have to be expensive, but they should block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB radiation. Check the label to see that they do. Darkness of the lens does not include UV protection. UV protection comes from an invisible chemical applied to the lense.

You may also want to put sunscreen on the eyelids and around the eyes for the best protection. Children should get used to wearing sunglasses as young as age one.

(To be continued in next week's edition...)



Letters To The Editor

Agawam UNICO Appreciates Support For Lick-A-Pop Drive

To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO thanks *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the coverage of the recent **Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive** for the Mental Health and Scholarship Funds.

Thank-you's go out to the **Agawam Waldbaum Super Foodmart, Geissler's, and Pignatere Texaco Station** for their continuing support for the drive over the years.

Thank you, people of Agawam and Feeding Hills, for your generosity which made this year's drive again a great success. Also, UNICO thanks the people who mailed in donations.

Sincerely,
Dennis A. Marchetto
Agawam UNICO Lick-A-Pop Chairman

Let's Not Forget The Importance Of Flag Day

To The Editor:

It's the day after Memorial Day, May 26, 1998, and the morning newspapers are full of pictures of parades which took place in most of the cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley.

I'm sure everyone must have noticed all the pictured flags waving in the breeze. Carrying those flags were members of Honor Guards of different military veteran groups, police, civic organizations, and all the children sitting along the parade route.

As a participant in the Westfield parade seated in the rumble seat of a vintage car, I couldn't believe how few people on the sidelines showed the proper respect to our flag. Salutes came mostly from veterans and government officials. Little gentlemen very seldom removed their caps and older gentlemen did remove them, but held the hat in their hand. It should be held in the right hand which then is put over the left shoulder with the palm of the right hand over the heart.

Our flag was waving to each one of us, but very few waved back. Waving back to our flag is done by showing proper respect to our country's flag. I'm sure most of our younger school children believe our flag was always as it is today. WHY? Because so few people know the origin and growth of our flag. The history of our country and our country's flag are the same. They grew

together.

I wish more teachers of American history would include the history of Old Glory. They shouldn't be separated.

Flag Day will be here in a few weeks, June 14th. Please show your colors. If you are a teacher and would like your students to learn more about their Old Glory, please call me at 786-2597. Being a veteran, I love my flag and my country, not separated, but as one.

Rose M. Haynes
Pioneer Valley Women Post 463

Robinson Park Says Thanks To Agawam Cultural Council

To The Editor:

Robinson Park staff, parents, and children would like to thank the Agawam Cultural Council and its chairperson, Mrs. Sylvia Deliso, for supporting several field trips and cultural experiences through the approval of grant monies.

These trips would not have been possible without their funding. We thank them and hope for their continued support in the future.

Sincerely,
William Sapelli
Principal

Track Parents Say Thanks For Supporting "Alumni Meet"

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all who volunteered their time at the **First Annual Alumni Track Meet** that was held on Sunday, May 24th, at the Agawam High School track

field.

We had a great crew working at the concession stand, including Debbie Curtis, Missy Sparver, Jeff Pickett, and Amanda Tilden. The registration booth and ticket booth were manned by Kathy & Leila Mounemneh, Vicki Alfano, and Kent Kruger.

We had a great volunteer athletic trainer, Joe Dupelle, who kept all athletes in prime condition for the day. Our "officials" for the day included Dan Pryce, Scott Griffin, Dan Grealis, Barry Ward, Diane & Dave DeLuca, and Louis & Mike DiStefano. The set-up and clean-up was directed by Peter Tilden.

Thanks to all the participants (see the "Sports" section for a list of all competitors) and spectators for coming out for this event. All in all, it was a fun afternoon for everyone.

Hope to see you all at the next Annual Alumni Meet.

Sincerely,
Grace L. Tilden, President
Track Parents' Association

Flag Day Golf Tournament Truly Needs Your Support

To The Editor:

We are writing to remind residents and businesses of the Second Annual Flag Day Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, June 14th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course on Springfield Street.

Our committee has worked hard through various fundraisers to erect an Honor Roll of Agawam wartime veterans on our Veterans' Green. To date, we have a total of \$7,729. We have a professional estimate of cost (it's a ballpark

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figure), and with 2,050 names on bronze plaques, you can imagine that it will be costly.

We've completed our research on veterans of the Revolution through Vietnam and will do our best to complete the project by Memorial Day next year. However, we cannot do it without your assistance.

For golfers, this is your chance to do your bit. We need sponsors: \$300, Gold Sponsor; \$100, Tee Sponsors; and \$50, Cart Sponsors.

The foursome fee is \$55 per person and includes continental breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, BBQ, and door and raffle prizes. Registration is at 7:00 a.m., and a shotgun start is set for 8:00 a.m.

Everyone, including the committee, had a great time last year and we're hoping for another successful tournament, but *OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU.*

Last week at our Memorial Day ceremonies honoring the Kupec family, we saw the largest crowd ever assembled to honor one of Agawam's finest native sons. Once again, you've shown your spirit of patriotism and honor of Agawam veterans.

The Honor Roll on the Green will become a historical document of Agawam's wartime veterans to be located in a historical section of Town. It will be there for future generations; with all of us working together as a community team, we know it can happen.

Tickets are available at Veterans' Services, Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237. If you are a single player or a couple, we will try to set up a foursome. If you don't play golf, any and all donations are greatly needed and appreciated. If making a donation, please make checks payable to "Veterans' Honor Roll Fund."

Thank you for all you've done to create our Agawam Veterans' Green; now it's time to finish the job.

We leave you with a comment made on Memorial Day from someone in attendance: *"THIS GREEN IS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A NORMAN ROCKWELL PAINTING."*

Sincerely,

Ruth Carr Bitzas, Veterans' Agent
Chris Sanchez, Golf Tournament Chairman
Edward Kellogg, Veterans' Council Chairman

Retired Teamster Supports Joe Malone For Governor

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Joe Malone for Governor in the Republican Primary. I am a retired teamster and I know Joe Malone will represent the interests of the working men and women.

As State Treasurer, Joe has demonstrated he has the ability to be a great governor, not forgetting the hard work and family values on which he was raised.

I urge Agawam voters to support Joe Malone for Governor. He will make all of us proud.

Sincerely,
Vincent Callahan
Agawam

Jr. Women's Club Seeks Donations For Fire Dept.

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has taken on a new project. The organization is hoping to raise money for the Agawam Fire Department for the purchase of a new lifesaving device. The Agawam Juniors became aware of the Fire Department's desire to obtain a Thermal Imaging device a few weeks ago when Fire Chief Pisano was asked if he had a wish list for equipment not funded by the department's annual budget.

The Thermal Imaging camera uses infrared technology and would be carried into a fire-stricken building by a firefighter. With the camera, the fireman would be able to search smoke-filled rooms for victims more efficiently. Exposure to smoke and heat could be decreased for both the victim and the fireman conducting the search. Faster evacuation of a burning building in danger of collapse would also be possible.

When the project was presented at the Juniors' May meeting, the club unanimously voted to take on the effort to raise money for the camera and if possible, the other items listed by Chief Pisano; safety vests and helmets for the rescue boat.

As a fire is something that can happen to any home or business, members felt strongly that the sooner the device is available in our town, the bet-

ter. Members are hoping Agawam businesses and organizations will make donations.

We will be collecting donations at the Arts and Crafts Fair this weekend and at future events. The device costs many thousands of dollars and the Juniors hope to raise the funds before the holiday season, a time, unfortunately, of an increase in the incidence of house fires.

The Fire Department has a "Gift Account" and checks can be made out to that account noting it would be for the camera. Checks can be sent in care of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001 or the Fire Department on Main Street.

Although prevention of fires would be the ideal, a device that can aid in the rescue of victims would be an essential tool for those who risk their own lives in our time of need.

Respectfully,
Sue Hoague
AJWC Public Affairs Chairperson

Jr. Women Say Thanks For Helping With Their "Float"

To The Editor:

I wish to thank the many people who came forward to help on the Memorial Day float that the Agawam Junior Women's Club entered in the parade this year:

Wendy Lieberman and Laura Paul for the terrific looking banner; Dee Adams for purchasing many of the festive decorations and loaning us her garage; Sue Godfrey, whose creativity was well appreciated; Dan Adams for his craftsmanship in building the structure to be safe and loaning us a tractor to pull it; Heather Adams for taking such wonderful snapshots while the float was being built.

Thanks also to the three lovely Girl Scouts who honored us by wearing fatigues and carrying the banner to salute past women who served and lost their lives while near the front lines. And, especially, Beverly Follis, retired Air Force Colonel, for her guidance in protocol and lending us women's clothing from the Air Force.

Cindy Sanford-Taylor
Agawam Junior Women's Club

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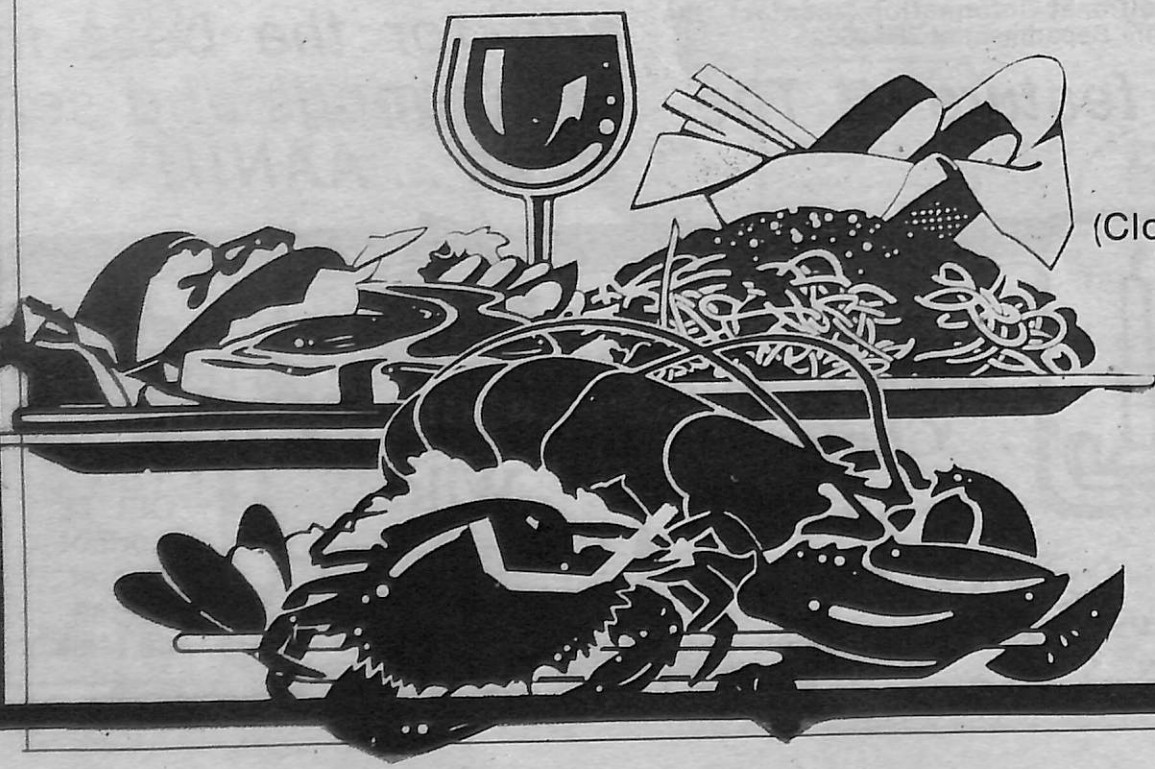
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Jr. Women Are Glad To Support "Operation Smile"

To The Editor:

Operation Smile is a charity that provides young children from foreign countries with a bag of goodies and toiletries while they are recuperating from surgery in this country.

I wish to thank Big Y for donating 70 small bottles of shampoo, 60 tubes of travel size toothpaste, and 60 bars of soap. Eva Jack, Stephanie Bertagnolli, and Laurie Snow for taking a bag and filling it to completion.

Laura Paul and Margaret Timmons for the donation of stuffed animals and small toys. Wendy Lieberman for the liquid bubbles and Dee Adams for the toothbrushes.

Also, special thanks to Mary O'Connell for providing the nine washcloths that were badly needed the day before the bags were scheduled to be mailed. I also wish to thank Donna Shibley and Ann Woodard for purchasing small mirrors and combs, crayons, and coloring books. And, Girl Scout Troop 583 and their leaders, Maggie Pandolfi and Beverly Follis, for the donation of 165 pencils.

This is a very worthwhile project that many people in the community have helped with in so many ways. I recently went to several tag sales where several stuffed animals were donated for such a good cause. I wish to thank this family wholeheartedly for their contribution.

I wish to also thank many of the Agawam Junior Women's Club members for any donation they may have made as well.

Thanks again for all your support.

Cindy Sanford-Taylor
Agawam Junior Women's Club

There Are Shortcomings In Our Town's Government

To The Editor:

It has been quite a while since I have contributed my comments to the **Letters To The Editor** pages. It was a void I felt I had to create to help guarantee a fairness in a court appearance I was forced into.

Based on my following statements, I am informing the Mayor and at least one of his followers that I am back. I am back and more determined than ever to expose the shortcomings in existence in the way certain Agawam public servants shortchange the residents of Agawam!

Everyone knows the Mayor by name. The

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Careless Smoking Habits Can Lead To Costly - And Deadly - Home Fires

One of the most common causes of deaths in home fires is careless smoking. It has been estimated that 35 percent of all home fire deaths (about 1,500 a year) and 17 percent of all home fire injuries are caused by cigarette fires.

Over \$300 million in property is lost in these fires. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that the following special precautions be taken to avoid a cigarette fire:

- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- Do not place ashtrays on the arms of furniture.
- Most cigarette fires involve dropping a hot cigarette on beds or upholstered furniture or

clothing. A lit cigarette can smolder for 20 to 30 minutes before igniting anything. Check furniture before going to bed. Never smoke in bed or while reclining in upholstered furniture.

• Make sure ashes are completely cold before emptying them. Try wetting ashtray contents before throwing them in the trash.

• Install extra smoke detectors in smokers' bedrooms and other areas they spend time in.

• The combination of smoking and drinking alcohol can be fatal. Keep on eye on those individuals in that condition.

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

I previously stated I was thrust into a mode of forced silence due to a forced court appearance. Obviously unsuccessful in attempts to intimidate by other means, some of our public servants adopted a scheme based on fabricated assault charges. The follower used to launch this scheme was Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Senior Center. His qualification - appointee! His salary - \$42,500 yearly.

I was charged with two felony counts of assault and battery! To prevent this from becoming lengthy at this time, I will only present the outcome of the trial by jury I was forced to endure. It took the jury less than 10 minutes to find me innocent of all charges!!

Vincent Talevi
Agawam

"FireWise..." is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News.

Melconian Announces Major Initiatives In Senate FY '99 Budget

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced several major initiatives in the Senate FY '99 budget, which would provide much needed funding in higher education, veterans' issues, workforce training, and human services.

"This is an outstanding budget that confronts many of the important economic and social needs of our society," Melconian said. "The Senate has produced a balanced budget, provided tax relief to working men and women, and introduced innovative solutions to some of our state's biggest problems."

The Senate budget increases funding for higher education by 7.7 percent, including a \$15 million increase in state scholarship assistance. That assistance would be used to assure that for \$500 a year, at most, any student could enroll at a community college. And if a family earns less than \$36,000, tuition would be free.

"Our children's education is our number one priority," Melconian said. "For the first time, anyone who wants to attend college can afford a community college education."

Melconian is also pleased that the Senate has approved \$543 million in tax cuts, targeted at families and individuals who need them the most. Elderly, working families, and students are the primary beneficiaries of the tax relief. "Whenever it is within our means, it is responsible, fair, and prudent to provide relief to working men and women who really need and deserve a break," Melconian said.

In addition, the Senate recently approved a cut in the Unemployment Insurance tax for employers. This cut was combined with the creation of an \$18 million workforce training fund, diverting employer payments from the UI fund. The Senate seeks to create a grant program to help companies train workers for secure, better-paying jobs, and to address the shortage of well-trained high tech employees.

"Employers tell us that they need more qualified and trained workers to expand their businesses. We lag behind other states in workforce development and training, and this would go a long way toward correcting this inadequacy," Melconian said.

The Senate budget also seeks to increase burial reimbursement for veterans from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and approve a study on the definition of veterans. Melconian pushed for these initiatives, and has continued her advocacy of veterans' concerns.

"Veterans have given a supreme sacrifice to this country and state, and it is our duty to provide them in any way possible," Melconian said. "I will continue to hear and respond to veterans' concerns as they develop."

Over \$20 million has been allocated to improve school nutrition programs, assist food banks, and provide food stamps to non-citizens cut off by federal law changes. In addition, the Senate seeks to appropriate \$31 million to fund salary increases for workers at human service agencies who provide day, residential, and family support.

"Human services are so important to a healthy, productive society," Melconian said. "Individuals who give their heart and soul to helping people with serious needs deserve a little more financial support."

The Senate budget will now go to a House/Senate conference committee to work out differences before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

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Tennessee Gas To Receive Order Regarding Wetlands

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its meeting Thursday, May 28th, the Conservation Commission voted unanimously to issue an order of conditions detailing the wetlands preservation measures Tennessee Gas Pipeline must comply with while building a high-pressure natural gas connection line from its Suffield Street compressor station to the Berkshire Power project on Shoemaker Lane.

About a dozen people who live along the path the pipeline will take along Suffield Street and Shoemaker Lane, along with a few opponents of the power plant, attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the impending construction project.

While one abutter spoke in favor of the pipeline project, several abutters raised questions ranging from drainage issues at the Berkshire Power site to the size and pressure of the gas line, as well as the ability of the Commission to make any rulings until Tennessee Gas has obtained easements from all the abutters for the temporary use of their property.

Commission Chairman Henry Kozloski indicated that many of the questions being asked did not fall within the Commission's jurisdiction and were not related to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline construction project.

Kozloski said anyone has the right to file a notice of intent with the Commission if they are going to be working within 100 feet of a wetlands. Kozloski said the Commission's job is to issue an order of conditions to make sure that impacts to wetlands are handled according to the state standards. If wetlands are filled in, they must be replaced and construction must be done in a certain manner if wetlands are impacted, Kozloski said.

"The commission is not a hindrance (to developers). It's a protection for the wetlands," Kozloski said.

Overall Impact Temporary

Displaying drawings of the proposed 1.6 mile gas pipeline, engineering consultant Jamie Durand of the BSC Group from Worcester said the project's overall impacts on wetlands will be temporary and will affect 4,200 square feet of wetlands.

Durand said construction of the eight-inch pipeline is expected to begin in August and will take an estimated 2½ months to complete. The underground pipeline will be constructed using a stove-pipe construction method that calls for each section of the line to be connected and buried within a three-foot deep trench at the end of each working day to secure the site.

From the Tennessee Gas compressor station on Suffield Street, the pipeline will run along the existing driveway on the property, crossing over an existing culvert spanning a tributary of Worthington Brook (before continuing across the front yard of the station). The pipeline will cross under Suffield Street (Rte. 75) before the intersection with Shoemaker Lane and will keep within the roadway right of way to minimize wetlands impacts.

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Council Sub-Committee Gives Unanimous Approval To Portions Of Johnson's Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Meeting earlier this week, a Town Council budget sub-committee gave its unanimous approval to portions of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's proposed \$49 million budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Budget Sub-committee Chairman Gary Geiger and Councilors Gina Letellier and John Negrucci approved \$6.5 million of spending to cover the cost of providing the town with building inspection services, planning and community development, Health Department services, veterans' services, police and fire coverage, and operating the Municipal Golf Course.

At the conclusion of Monday night's sub-committee meeting, Ms. Letellier said the Mayor and department heads had answered the committee's questions "pretty well."

In the Building Inspection Services Department, Johnson said the major changes included the elimination of a half-time clerical position funded at \$13,000, and the addition of half of the cost (to be shared with Department of Public Works) of a full-time plumbing inspector at \$20,000.

"The reasons for adding a full-time licensed plumbing inspector are the new State Department of Environmental Protection regulations dealing with backflow devices and the fact that we do a lot of water main repair work at homes. With a licensed plumber on the scene, we can offer services, for a fee, that will be less expensive for the homeowners," Johnson said.

In the Health Department, Johnson is proposing to add a permanent part-time school nurse at the High School at a cost of about \$6,000 to assist with student testing and record-keeping. Also, an additional \$1,768 has been added to more accurately reflect the expense of providing substitute school nurses. The Health Department currently funds one full-time nurse at the High School, the Junior High, and the Middle School.

Two full-time nurses split their time at the four elementary schools, with part-time nurses covering the remainder of the day at the elementary schools.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, June 15, 1998 upon petition of WMECO dated May 15th, 1998 for permission to remove pole number 185 and overhead primary. Install three phase Underground primary between pole number 184 and number 185. Riverside Park is installing a bridge over the road in the

\$2.4 Million Fire Department Budget

In staffing at the Fire Department, the major change in the budget reflects an upgrade of a clerical position at a cost of about \$900. The \$2.4 million budget for the Fire Department includes funding for 40 firefighters, 13 supervisory personnel, and the third of five payments for the lease and payment toward ownership of two pumper trucks.

Johnson said the department's push to upgrade emergency medical services has resulted in certification for nearly all personnel as emergency medical technicians or paramedics. With 10 paramedics on staff, Agawam is one of only two area municipal fire departments to qualify for certification in advanced life support services enabling the administration of lifesaving drugs to patients en route to the hospital, Johnson said.

The Police Department's \$2.6 million budget includes funding for three new police cruisers, an unmarked detective car, two additional police officers, and the upgrade of a position to sergeant to assist the police chief with administering federal and state grants, as well as implementing changes in police policies and procedures (as a result of the department's voluntary submission for state accreditation of their policies and procedures).

High Praise For Chief Campbell

Johnson praised Police Chief Robert Campbell and his staff for bringing over \$845,000 in grant funding to the department in the last four years.

Purchased by the town at a foreclosure auction in 1993, the Municipal Golf Course is a "work in progress," according to Johnson. The golf course is one of the town's three self-sustaining departments with a budget of \$746,550, including \$173,000 to cover the costs of principal and interest payments for the bonded indebtedness to purchase the golf course.

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Ursula Retzler
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The pipeline will proceed within the shoulder of Suffield Street in the right of way going north on Suffield Street, turning onto the south side of Shoemaker Lane, eventually crossing Shoemaker Lane before reaching the driveway of the Crestview Country Club. The pipeline will then cross Shoemaker Lane to enter the Tennessee Gas right of way on the Berkshire Power property.

Federally Regulated

Regulated by federal agencies, Tennessee Gas will be solely responsible for the ownership and operation of the pipeline. As a means of transporting natural gas, Tennessee Gas is regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and will be solely responsible for the construction and maintenance of the pipeline.

In answer to questions posed by town residents, Attorney Dianne Phillips of the Boston law firm Sherburne, Powers and Needham said state law allows any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorized gas pipeline (like Tennessee Gas) to proceed to obtain local permits before gaining all the easements necessary to proceed.

However, construction of the pipeline will not begin until the necessary easements have been obtained.

Conservation Commission member Mark Siegars said Tennessee Gas, like all public utilities, has the right of eminent domain to take or temporarily use property under federal law.

"All we're talking about here is their right to use property during construction by piling dirt on it or driving tractors on it," Siegars said.

Rep. Keenan Endorses Legislation To Provide Relief To Taxpayers

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has endorsed legislation that would provide relief to Massachusetts taxpayers.

Recently, the House of Representatives endorsed legislation which adopts federal treatment of the Roth and Education IRA's and the exclusion of capital gains on a primary residence.

"Providing tax relief is a top priority and responsibility," said Keenan. "These changes will bring Massachusetts into conformity with the federal tax code, and provide financial incentives for people saving for education and retirement."

The House of Representatives since 1990 has endorsed 24 tax relief measures for all Massachusetts taxpayers. Examples of some recent tax relief measures include an increase in the personal exemption, an increase in the deduction for dependent children, and the exemption of a military pension.

Lobbying For Veterans At The State House...



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL F. KEENAN (left) and State Senator Michael R. Knapik recently greeted Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas at the State House in Boston. Bitzas joined veterans' agents from across the state to meet and lobby legislators for support of veteran issues and legislation.

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: June 4, 1998

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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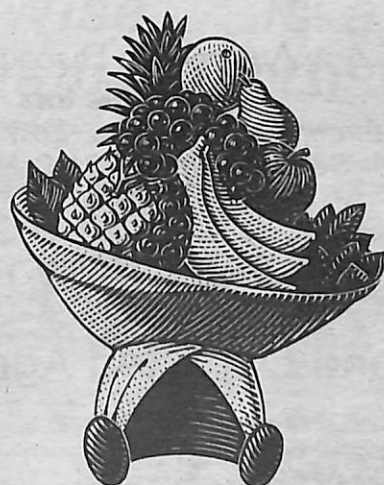
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of A & F Builders for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Birch Hill Estates.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Published: June 4, 1998

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, June 11, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Blais Construction for property located at 29 Pomeroy Street.

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Spfld. District Fire Chief Robert Pereira Earns Medal Of Valor

During a recent ceremony at Springfield City Hall, the Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee issued the Lieutenant Frank Murphy Medal of Valor to Springfield District Fire Chief Robert Pereira of Agawam.

Pereira was one of two men awarded this honor who said they "were proud to accept the award on behalf of the many firefighters who risk their lives each day."

The Medal of Valor is named in honor of the late Lieutenant Murphy, a Springfield resident who helped rescue 500 American prisoners of war during World War II.



"NATIONAL EMS WEEK" was held from May 17th through May 23rd, and Mayor Christopher Johnson and Town Council President Donald Rheault honored the Agawam Fire Department by issuing a proclamation recognizing its lifesaving work. What's more, several members of the department were honored for their outstanding contributions. From left to right: award winners Robert Kerr (EMT), Anthony Albano (EMT), Frank Cavallo (EMT-I), and Lt. Jim Brown; Mayor Johnson; Fire Chief David Pisano; and Council President Rheault. (Missing from photo: award winners Herb Batchelder, Chris Bilodeau, Pam Murphy, and Jose Vazquez.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM TOWN CLERK Richard Theroux (far right) swears in the Agawam Police Department's newest officers: Matthew S. Hubbard, Eric D. Fairchild, James M. Wheeler, Brian C. Strong, Carl J. Wesley, Jr., and Mark W. Dorval. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Veterans' Corner...

Thank You For Your Support During Memorial Day

by Ruth Carr Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

On behalf of the Veterans' Council, there are some thank-you's in order. Many thanks to the hundreds of residents attending this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. As we marched down Main Street, I was amazed at the number of people lining the parade route as well as the huge crowd on the Veterans' Green.

To Geissler's Market on Suffield Street, we noticed you were closed on Memorial Day to allow all of your employees the opportunity to spend Memorial Day with their families. Thank you, too, to the Agawam Food Mart for your continued support of veterans.

For a long time, I've been wanting to comment on McDonald's on Suffield Street for their beautiful display of pictures surrounding town landmarks (among them, Veterans' Green); that was a thoughtful gesture. If you've never seen them, stop by. I think you'll agree.

In addition, will the veteran who called last week about eligibility for real estate tax abatement please be advised that your being awarded the Purple Heart renders you eligible for a \$225 abatement. You need to take a copy of your discharge, showing your award, to the Town Assessor's Office.

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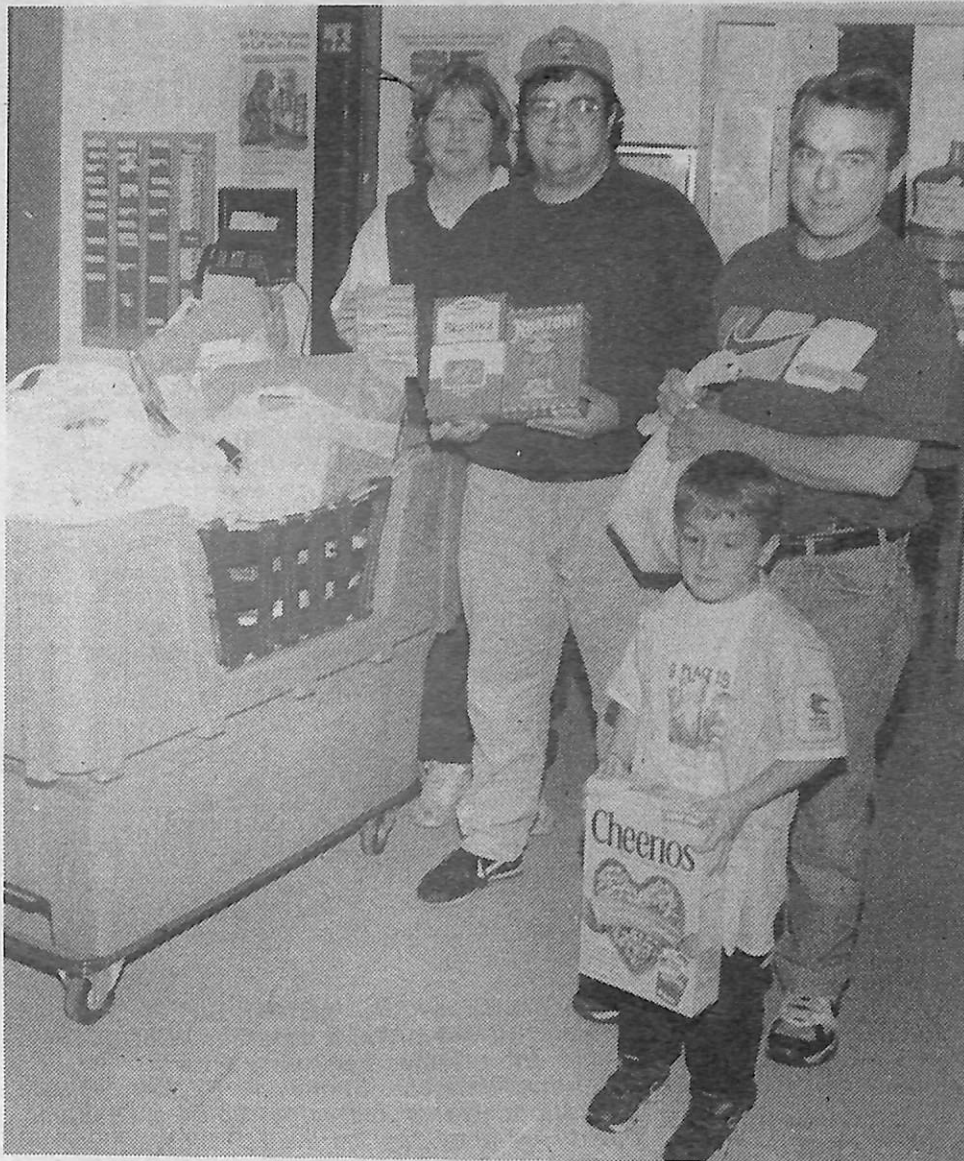
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ON SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, America's postal workers conducted a nationwide food drive, and the Agawam Post Office did its part for this most worthwhile cause. IN LEFT PHOTO: Darlene Kras, John White, Ed Landry, and Jonathan Landry. IN RIGHT PHOTO: back row - Jonathan Skaza, Darlene Kras, and John Dorval; front row - Lupe Barile, Michael Barile, and John White. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Baker, Renzo Balboni, Emile S. Barbero, Charles A. Barden, George F. Barden, Marshall E. Barden, Benjamin S. Bassani, Joseph A. Bassani, Lawrence H. Bassette.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Kathleen Novotney

Kathleen (Takacs) Novotney of 17 Overlook Drive, Feeding Hills, a long-time area educator, died at home.

She was a 20-year English teacher at Southwick-Tolland Regional High School, and headed the English department for four years.

She taught previously at Cathedral High School in Springfield.

She was a 1974 graduate of American International College, where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees and a certificate of advanced graduate studies.

She was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and a lector.

She belonged to the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, was a former member of the Springfield Symphony Choir, and received a National Endowment for the Humanities award.

She leaves her husband, Bernard; a son, David of Agawam; two daughters, Susan Alvanos and Virginia Novotney of Feeding Hills; a brother, Charles of Parma, Ohio; two sisters, Margaret Bartick of Rocky River, Ohio, and Madeline Quigley of Bath, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kathleen Novotney Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Darlynn Nardi, Woronoco Savings Bank, P.O. Box 266, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Frank W. Maziarz

Frank W. Maziarz, 79, of 67 School Street, Agawam, an eight-year employee of the Public Works Department, died at Olympus Specialty Hospital in Springfield, MA.

He retired in 1987, and was previously a technician at the Balise Car Dealership in Springfield for 32 years.

Born in Chicopee, he lived in Agawam for 50 years.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a life member of the Sportsmen's Club, the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, and the Polish-American Veterans' Post in Chicopee.

He also was a past president of the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Helen B. Babyak, in 1991.

He leaves three daughters, Frances Gorman of Westfield, Susan E. Mayer of West Springfield, and Nancy J. Shaker of Westfield; a brother, Stanley, and a sister, Stella Ziemba, of Chicopee; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Clifford J. Lothrop

Clifford J. Lothrop, 85, of 57 Merrell Drive, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a groundskeeper at the Jewish Nursing Home in Longmeadow.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Agawam in 1952.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a communicant and former usher of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He belonged to the John F. Kennedy Council of the Knights of Columbus.

He leaves his wife, the former Grace D. Robaire, and nephews and nieces.

A memorial Mass was held at the church, with the burial at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 835 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Hazel E. Melloni

Hazel E. (Roach) Melloni, 79, of 186 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a retired nurse's aide for Ring Restland Rest Home.

Born in Suffield, she lived in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area for most of her life and graduated from Agawam High School.

She leaves her husband, Anthony P.; three sons, Peter J. Freeman and Anthony C. Melloni, both of Monson, and Clayton E. Parker of Feeding Hills; three brothers, Donald H. of Longmeadow, Richard C. of Springfield, and Clinton E. of Suffield; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Lin Hale Cook

Lin ("Linda") Hale Cook, 50, of Coppel, Texas, died Friday, May 8, 1998 at Medical City, Dallas, Texas.

Lin lived and worked in the Coppel area for the last 15 years and was well-known to many friends and will be missed.

She was born in Springfield, Mass. July 29, 1947. She was a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School.

Lin leaves a son, Thomas W. Centracchio of San Diego, California; two daughters, Julie L. Breaker of Hawaii and Dawn Marie Centracchio of Amherst; her mother, June H. Cook of Hampden Village, Westfield; a brother, Donald H. Cook of Agawam; and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Richard Cook, who died in May 1991 and her stepfather, Elmer Cascio, who died in April 1998.

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For The Second Year In A Row...

Agawam Police Explorer Post 713 Earns Quality Award

The Agawam Police Explorer Post 713 was recently awarded the Quality Unit Award for the second year in a row. The post is sponsored by the Agawam Police Association and affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Explorers have been an active part of the community for 12 years. The Explorer Post has conducted several community services, including fingerprinting children for their parents' records (Ident-A-Kid) as well as cleaning up River Road with the Adopt-A-Highway Program (sponsored by the Mass. Highway Dept.)

The Police Explorer Post teaches young adults (male and female) ages 14 to 21 all aspects of law enforcement with the help of many of the police officers and auxiliary officers of the Agawam Police Department.

The Boy Scouts of America have also helped with programs for the Explorers, such as Law Enforcement Explorer Academies which are sponsored by American Legions, State Police, and other law enforcement agencies across the country.

The Agawam Police Explorers have attributed their recent accomplishments to the youth leadership of Shannon Netopski, post president; Michael Beaudry, vice president; Nathan Solitario, treasurer; Stephan Antaya, secretary; James Antico and Adam Szymanski, squad leaders; and to the adult leadership of Sgt. Don Loncto, department liaison; Mike Ciborowski, advisor; and Keith Gendron, Elizabeth Pitkat, and Mark Hallbauer, associate advisors.



THE MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Police Explorer Post 713 (pictured above) recently received the Quality Unit Award. The post, which is sponsored by the Agawam Police Association and affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, has won this prestigious award for two consecutive years. IN LEFT PHOTO: Shannon Netopski (post president) and Michael Beaudry (post vice president) with Linda Stevens of the Service Team. Advertiser News

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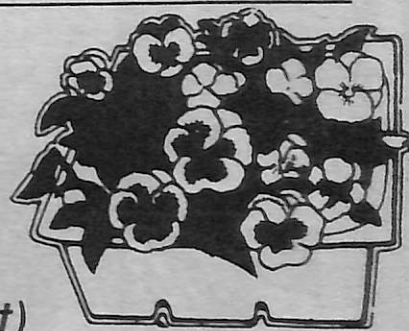
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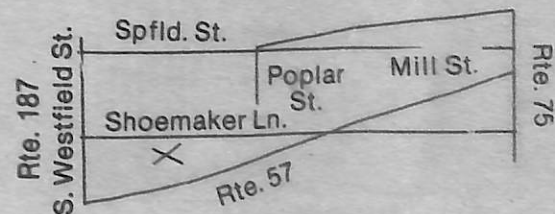


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After More Than 50 Years... Agawam Soldier Honored With Military Awards

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At last week's Memorial Day Parade, local, state, and federal officials joined town residents in honoring a hometown serviceman for his heroism on a battlefield more than 50 years ago. Agawam World War II medic Pfc. George James Kupec never knew he had earned the Silver Star, one of the country's highest military honors, for "gallantry in action May 5, 1945 by treating and evacuating many wounded soldiers with utter disregard for his own safety at Jesemice, Czechoslovakia" when he died in 1947 of the hepatitis he contracted while serving in North Africa.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend the Agawam Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Green looked on as resident Barbara Kupec accepted the Silver Star, Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart earned by her husband so many years ago.

"It was with great pride that I accept these medals for my late husband, Jimmie," Mrs. Kupec said. "Sharing in that pride with me today are his daughter, Lynn Litchfield, his grandsons, Scott and Mark Litchfield, and his brother, Raymond. I only hope he knows the honors given him today for his heroism in the service of his country."

After being discharged in September 1945, Kupec met and married the pen pal he fell in love with during a five-year correspondence. The couple's daughter, Lynn, is an Agawam resident and history teacher at Agawam High School. She was just seven months-old when Kupec died.

Stunning Discovery

It was for their daughter's sake that Mrs. Kupec asked to have her husband's war records corrected to indicate he had earned a Purple Heart. After a two year search through military records partly destroyed in a fire, the family was stunned to be told Kupec had earned battlefield awards.



IN HONOR OF GEORGE JAMES KUPEC (from left to right): Brigadier General Albert Mangone, Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, Lynn Litchfield (George's daughter), Barbara Kupec (George's widow), and Captain Steven DeLude. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

He had never talked about his experiences during the war, probably because he had seen too much, Mrs. Kupec said.

State Representative Daniel Keenan called on the crowd to pause and reflect on the enormity of the sacrifices made by the veterans whose actions made the world what it is today.

"We're here to honor a tremendous person," Keenan said. "He did his duty and went on with his life. He didn't look for recognition, he just went on to start his life as family man."

Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas said three palm-sized pieces of paper salvaged from a fire were all that remained to signify the long forgotten honors due Pfc. Kupec. "If Mrs. Kupec hadn't dropped in and asked for a correction of his records, they would never have known their loved one was a hero," Mrs. Bitzas said.

Mrs. Bitzas read a note from the Army stating, "We're sorry the Silver Star medal is late, but we're happy to get it to you at last."

SEE KUPEC - Page 19...

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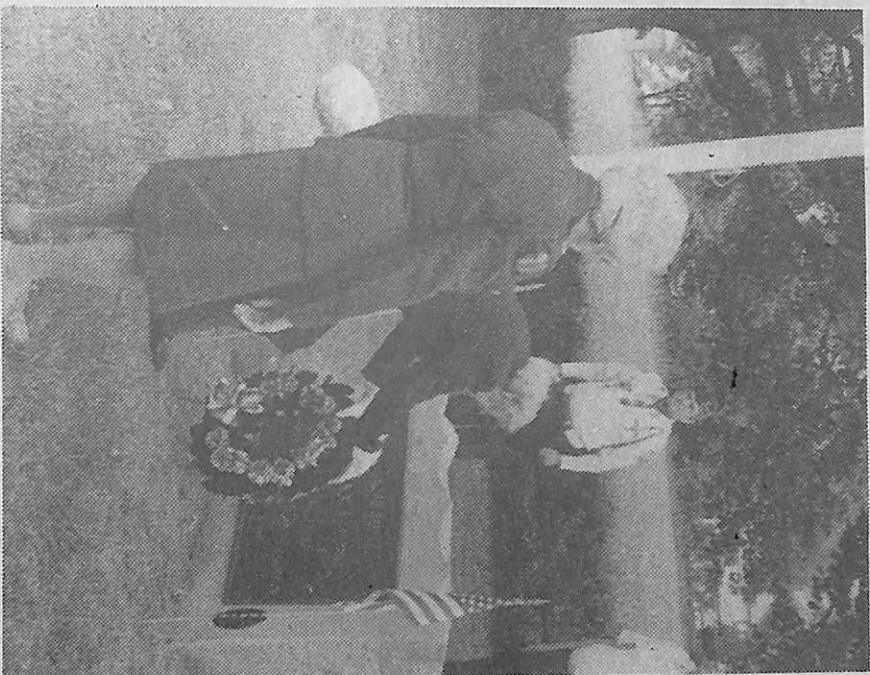
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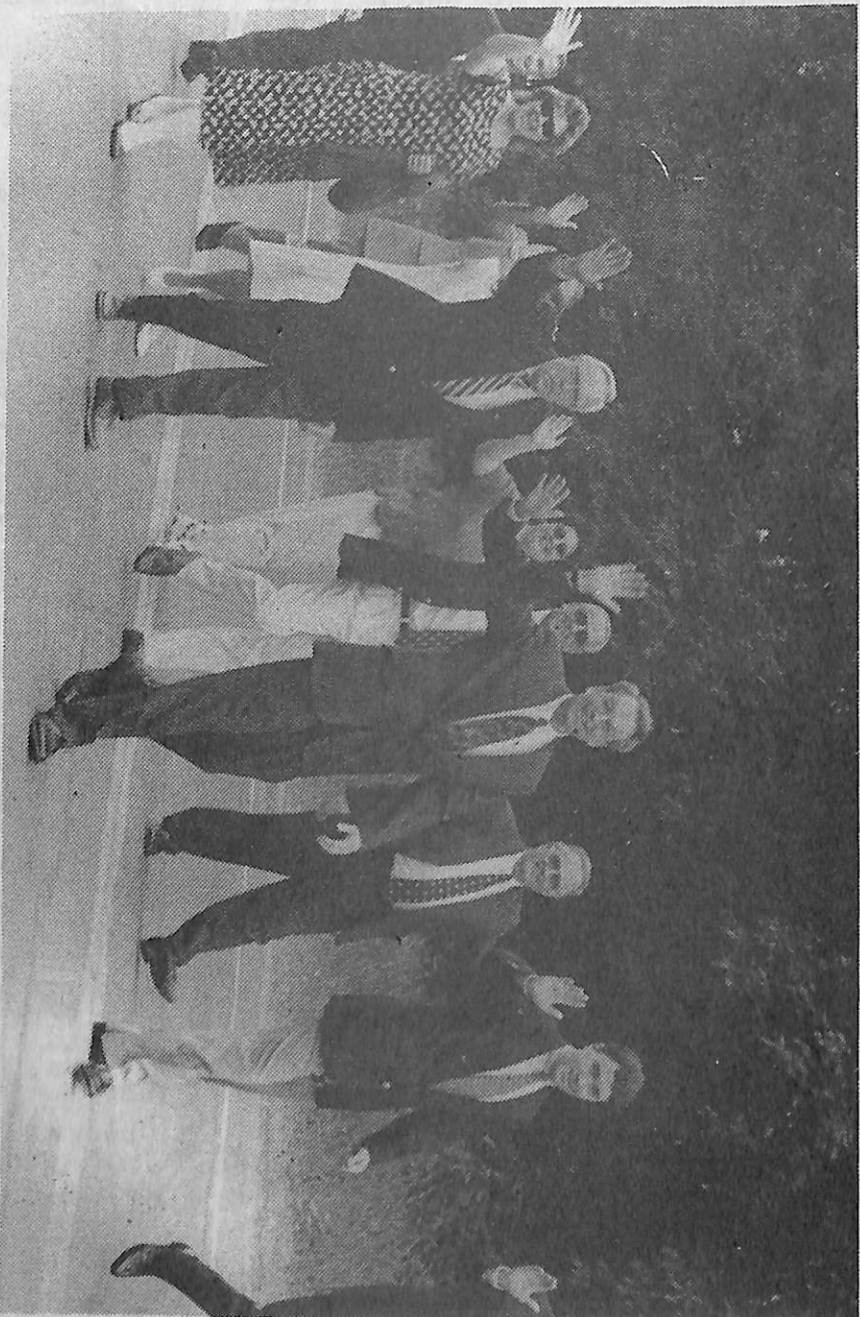
THE TRADITIONAL placing of the wreath at the Agawam Veterans' Memorial at the Agawam Center Cemetery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



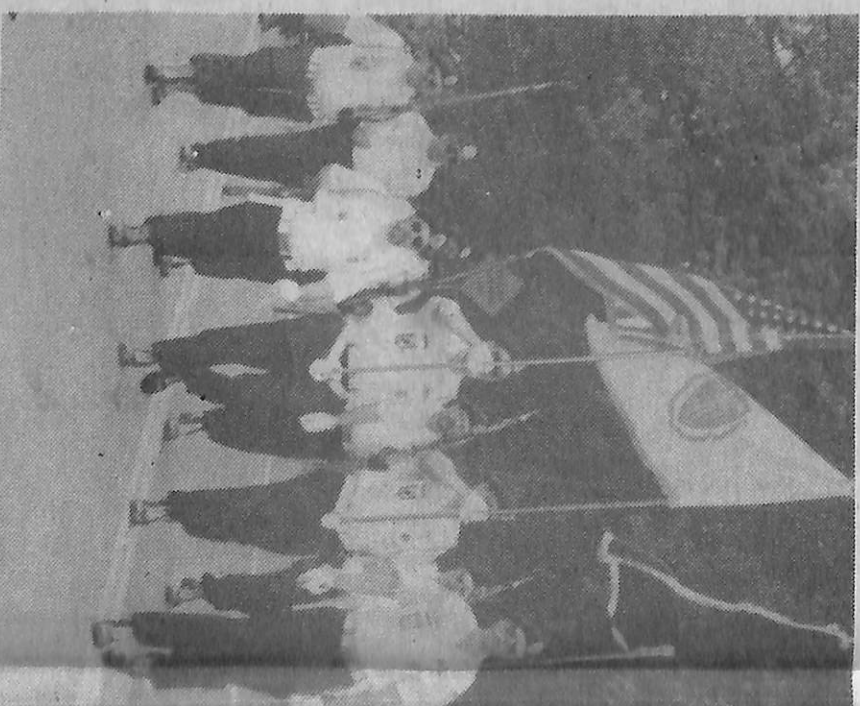
IN HONOR OF HER HUSBAND, George James Kupec, Barbara Kupec receives the Silver Star from Brigadier General Albert Mangone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM VETERANS' Chapter 111 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (center), STATE REP. DAN KEENAN (right), and members of the Agawam Town Council (from left to right): Nancy Thompson, Robert Magovern, Gina Letellier, John Negrucel, and Donald Rheault. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S PARADE Chapter 111 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (from left to right): Linda Galarnau, Louis Massola, Teresa Kozloski, and Roberta Doering. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

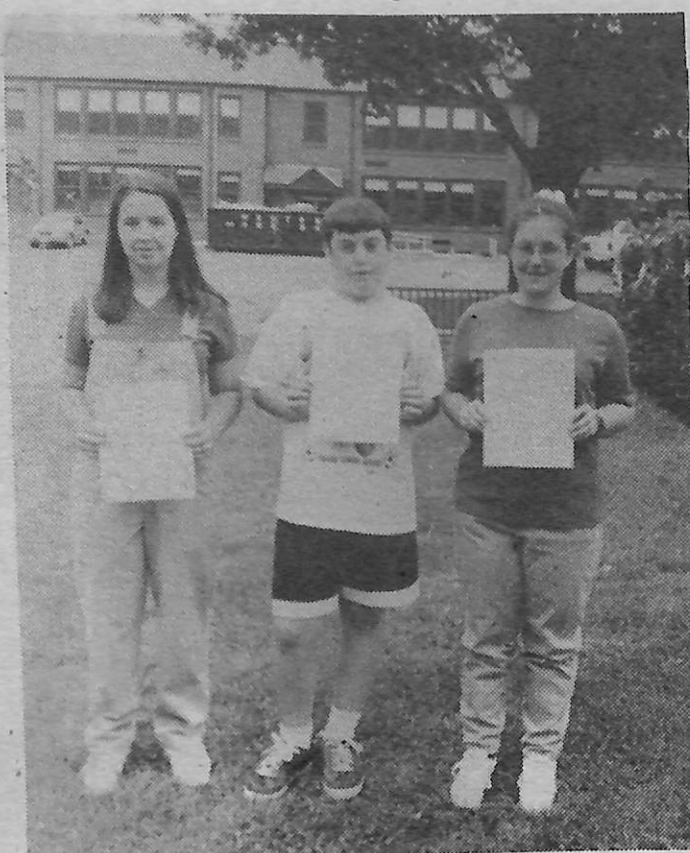


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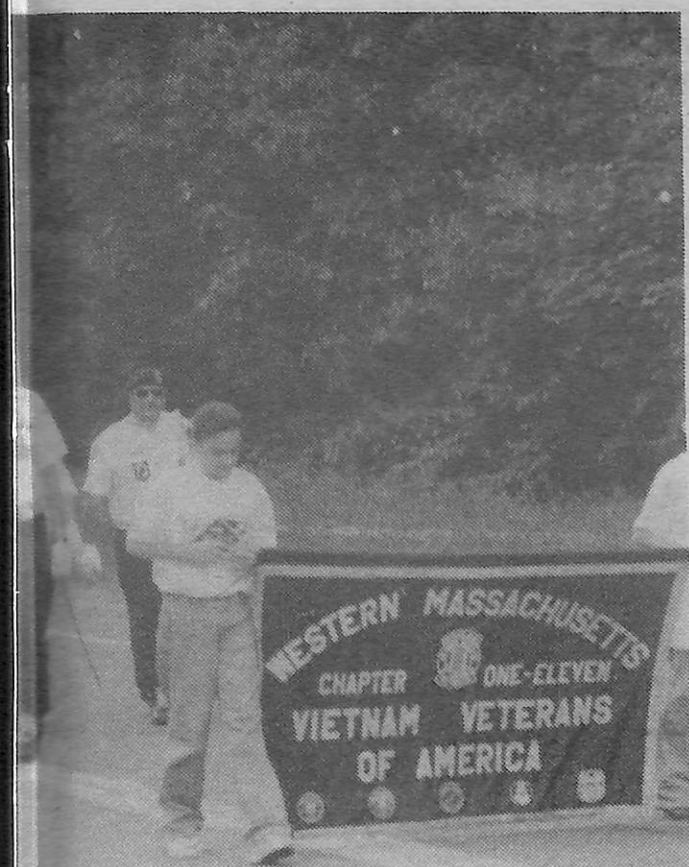
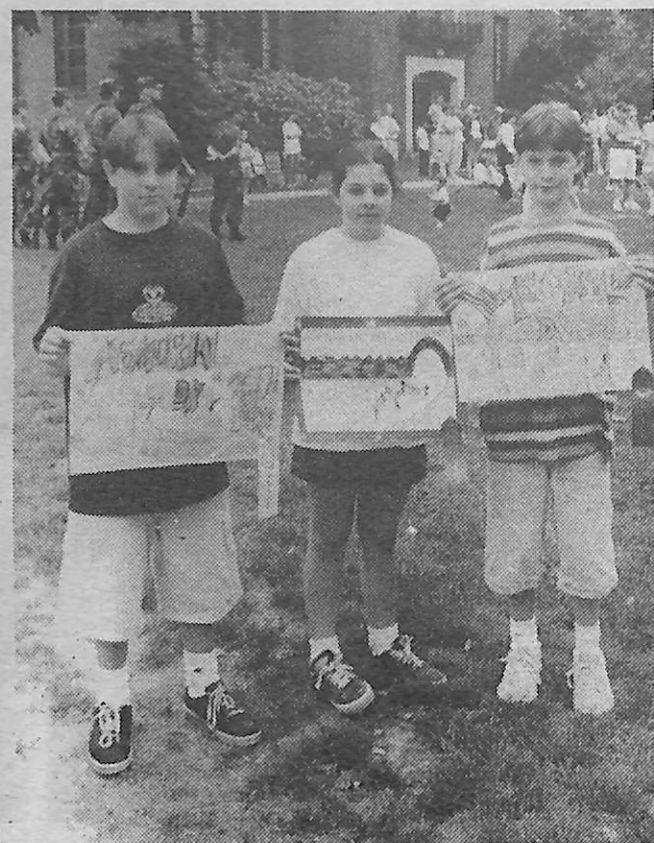
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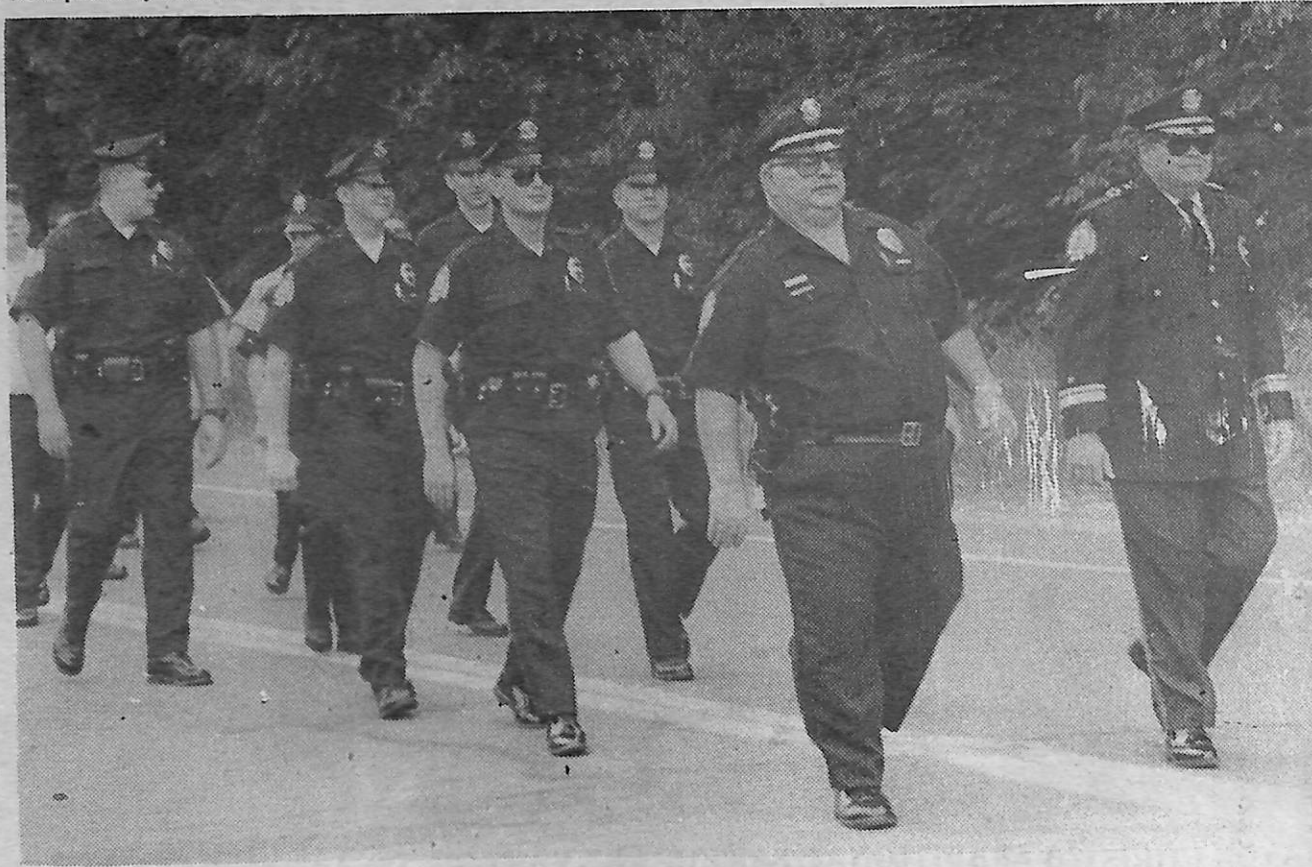
VETERANS COUNCIL proudly marched in the Town of Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



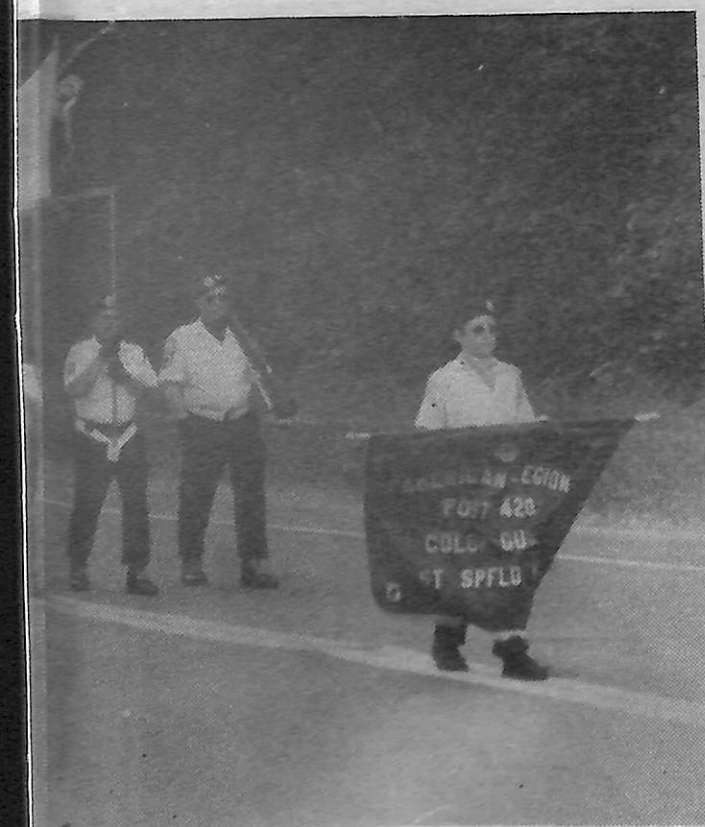
IN LEFT PHOTO: Veterans Council essay winners - Renee Couture (second place), Kevin Fleming (third place), and Jennifer Dobise (first place). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Veterans Council poster winners - Matthew Footit (third place), Kristen Pfau (first place), and Kyle Lucchesi (second place). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PARADE: Members of the Western Massachusetts Chapter One-Eleven Vietnam Veterans of America. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL (far right) leads members of the Agawam Police Department in the annual town parade. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 420 in Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

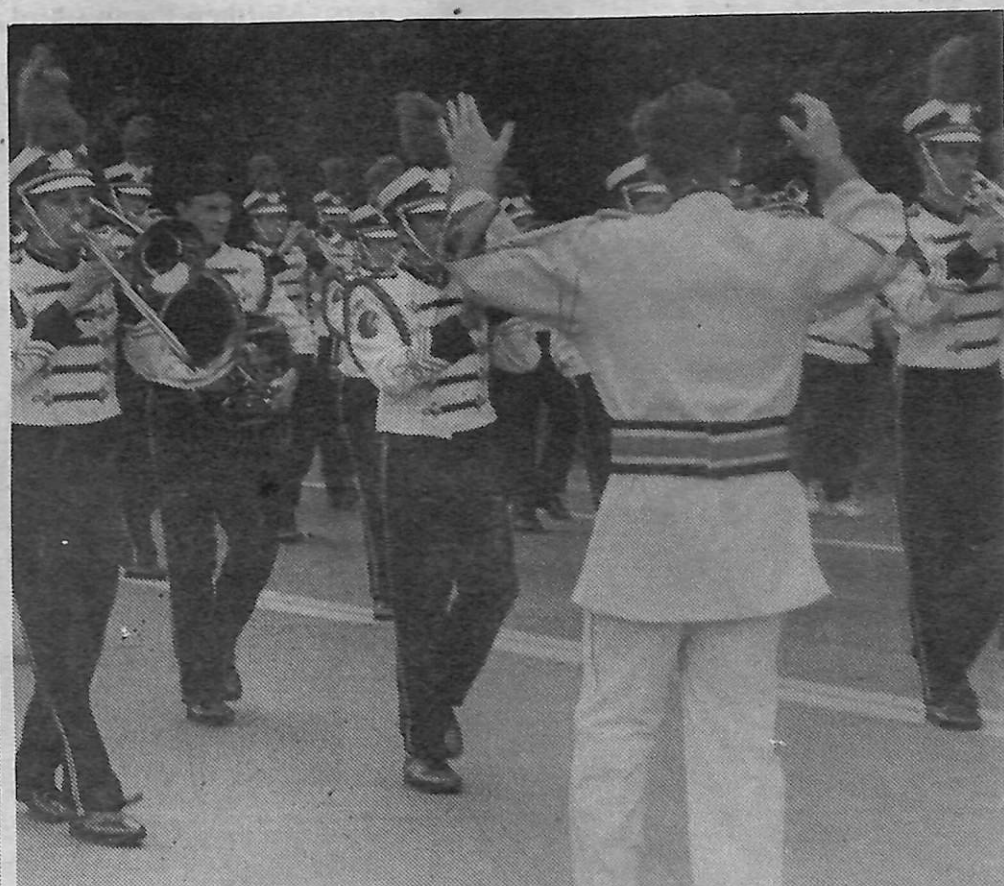
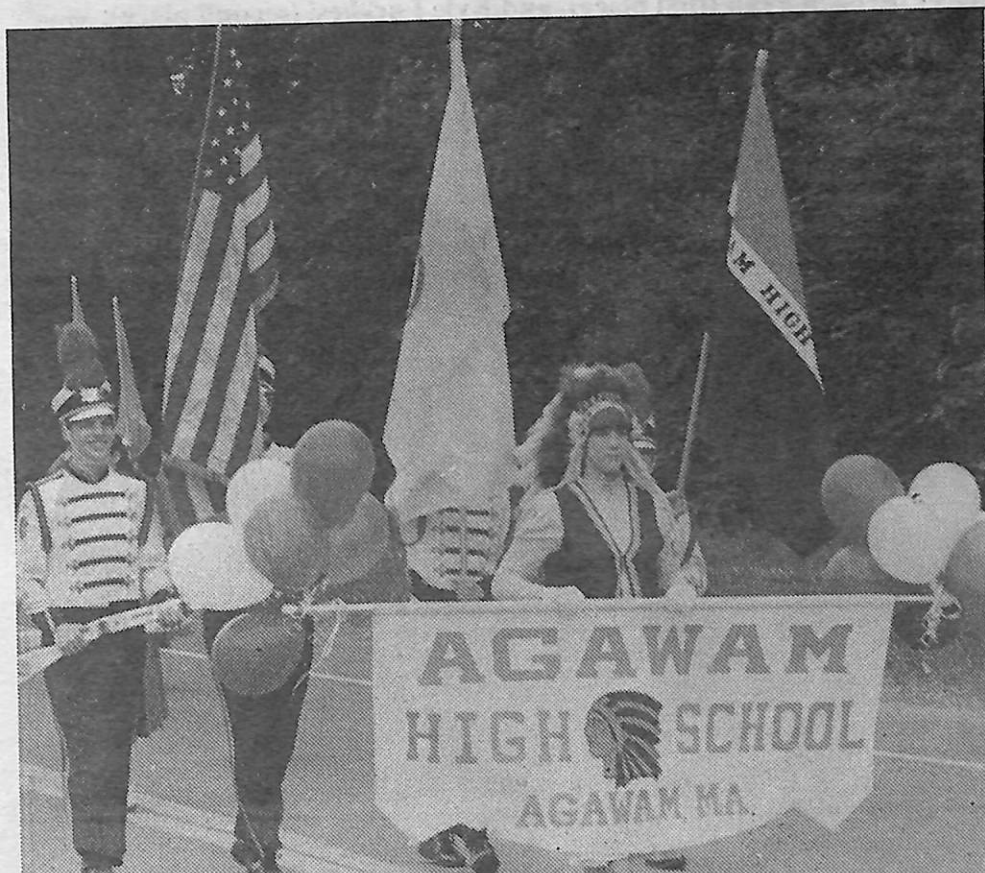


"KID'S 4 CHRIST" marched in this year's Agawam Memorial Day parade, as did Reverend Len Cowan (far right) of St. David's Episcopal Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Highlights From Memorial Day 1998...



"SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!": Winners from this year's Miss Agawam Pageant were happy to do their part in this year's Memorial Day parade. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



A TRADITIONAL PART OF THE PARADE: The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks proudly displayed their colors and performed for the parade-goers. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon. However, we do appreciate any articles, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays - AAN!!!

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THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB entered a float in the Agawam Memorial Day parade which featured women's uniforms from the Air Force. Driving the float is Cindy Sanford-Taylor (right), Vice-President of the Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Chapter of UNICO served coffee and doughnuts to the "marchers" in this year's Memorial Day parade. From left to right: Rudy Altobelli, Albert D'Agostino, and Tom Leahy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Representatives of the Agawam Fire Department, including Chief David Pisano (right). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** AHS Marching Mohawks Kevin Cornwell and Pat Lennon performed "Taps" during Memorial Day observances. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

KUPEC - from Page 15...

While Brigadier General Albert A. Mangone, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry division, (Light) presented Mrs. Kupec with her husband's posthumous awards, an aide read the citation detailing Pfc. Kupec's heroism on a Czechoslovakian battlefield just days before the German surrender ended the war in Europe.

Under artillery and machine gun fire, Kupec continued to treat and evacuate wounded members of the platoon, saving many of his comrades and earning him the praise of eyewitnesses.

Mangone said Kupec's actions were "in keeping with the highest traditions of military service."

In presenting Mrs. Kupec with a citation from the town, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "Every time I think a problem is insurmountable, I think of what those young men and women did in the service of their country."

U.S. Representative Richard E. Neal called Memorial Day a uniquely American holiday set aside as a time for the citizens to pause and give thanks for the veterans who have this an American Century.

A Day To Give Thanks

"This is not a day for going to the mall or a day to gloat over military victories," Neal said. "This is a day to give thanks to God to have been blessed by being born in this country."

After the presentation of her father's awards, Mrs. Litchfield was escorted to the War Memorial for the placement of the Memorial Wreath.

Casualty lists of all Agawam veterans killed in war were read by members of Agawam's veterans' groups and the winners of school poster and essay contests were announced.

Agawam Veterans' Council Chairman Edward Kellogg gave opening and closing remarks; Reverend Leonard Cowan gave the benediction; and AHS buglers Kevin Cornwell and Patrick Lennon played "Taps."



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Annual Dinner Meeting Of Agawam Historical Association

If one picture is worth 1,000 words, what kind of higher value can you place on an historic photo of some long ago person, place, or event? The answer to that rhetorical question was supplied by Melonie Solomon at the annual dinner meeting of the Agawam Historical Association held at the Captain Leonard House on May 27th.

Ms. Solomon is an award-winning specialist with historic photo exhibits, is currently Curator of History at the Springfield Library and Museums, and serves as a consultant to various museums throughout the Northeast.

The Historical Association has already begun collecting photos for the new Elm Street Museum. For that reason, all those attending found Ms. Solomon's presentation especially timely as well as informative and entertaining. She pointed out that only a photo can capture a split instant of history and, even if the exact identity of the subject is not known, much of historic value can be gleaned from it.

At the meeting, officers for the 1998-1999 year were elected as follows: Richard Bellico, president; John Zebryk, vice president; Carole Miller, treasurer; Nancy Rosner, recording secretary; Ann Mary Bradford, corresponding secretary; William Miller, assistant treasurer; Anne Marie Liptak, archivist.

Elected as Directors were Ann Marie Bellico, Wesley Bradford, David Cecchi, Marilyn Curry, Edward Filkoski, Russell Jenks, John Rosenberg, Louis Russo, and Marjorie Sherman.

Rick Bellico reviewed accomplishments of the past year and plans for the future. He said the most pressing need is the successful conclusion of fundraising efforts so actual renovation of the old firehouse building can begin. He appealed for continued public support and reported that, "We are now \$9,000 short of our \$30,000 fundraising goal and some of the funds pledged to us could be lost if construction does not begin this year."

He also made an impassioned plea for general public support of efforts to preserve irreplaceable historic buildings which are being lost at an alarming rate.

"Not only is the historic value of the building gone forever, but the character of the entire neighborhood in which it is located is also forever changed," said Bellico.

Those interested in contributing to the Museum building fund or participating in Historical Association programs can call 568-9147, ext. 224 or 786-7329.



THE 1998-1999 OFFICERS of the Agawam Historical Association: back row - William Miller (assistant treasurer), John Zebryk (vice president), and Richard Bellico (president); front row - Anne Marie Liptak (archivist), Carol Miller (treasurer), and Nancy Rosner (recording secretary). Missing from photo: Ann Mary Bradford (corresponding secretary). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Applications Available For Fall Craft Fair

Applications are now available for the annual Polish American Auxiliary Craft Fair. The organization's main scholarship fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 17th at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Spaces are available at \$20 each for an eight-foot space. For an application or information, please call Eleanor at 786-1359.

Tag & Book Sale For Feline Friends

A tag and book sale to benefit Feline Friends, an all volunteer organization dedicated to funding foster and/or permanent homes for abandoned, neglected, or abused cats and kittens, will be held on Saturday, June 13th, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at 532 Springfield Street in Agawam. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th.

Feline Friends will make available information regarding cats ready for fostering or adoption and its ongoing educational programs.

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Senior Profile...

Lillian Anna Colton Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

Among her laurels, Lillian Anna Colton of Alfred Circle, Agawam has been a nurse, mother of 10, grandmother of 23, and a poet.

Mrs. Colton was born May 23, 1898, one of five children of a Colrain farmer and his wife, Sidney and Anna Hubbard Cromack. Lillian recalls going to Colrain Elementary School by horse and wagon. At 15, she attended Northfield Seminary for girls, leaving because of her father's illness. She later finished at Arms Academy in Shelburne Falls.

It was in her first year of high school, Lillian recalled that she met her long-time love, Frederick Sullivan. In time, they married and parented 10 children. The first child, a girl, died, but they raised four girls and five boys.

Her children live all around the country, Wyoming, Oregon, etc. A daughter, Anna Marie Amidon, lives near Greenfield.

Mr. Sullivan, whom Lillian calls "Sully," became a dentist, as did one of his sons. Sully died at age 62 around 1960.

Lillian was a licensed practical nurse and became a registered nurse. She is proud to have taken the nursing examination at the State House in Boston in the 1950's. She worked at the State Hospital in Northampton and for private families.

She said she came to Agawam to care for the daughter of Minerva Davis, who was a well-known local philanthropist. "I loved this work. I enjoyed taking care of people and I did it for a long time," Lillian said.

Shopping at the Agawam Public Market, she became friends with an employee, Hartman Colton, and his wife. After Mrs. Colton died, Lillian Sullivan, then 74, married the 78 year-old Hartman. Having no family, he left his home on Alfred Circle to Lillian when he died at age 80.

When she was young, Lillian said she had curvature of the spine, which she believes led to osteoarthritis and she has been in a wheelchair for the past four years.

But when she was 92, she drove a friend from Agawam to Colrain and the next day renewed her driver's license for two years.

Today, she seldom, if ever, leaves her home, but is always friendly and anxious to welcome guests. Two homemakers from Springfield Senior Services care for her and there is someone with her at night. Occasionally she says she hires someone for special tasks.

"Meals on Wheels" from the Senior Center are delivered and Lillian is visited regularly by a Senior Center "Friendly Visitor." She wears a



LILLIAN ANNA COLTON

"Lifeline Pin" connecting her to help should she call for assistance.

Reading, crocheting, and writing poetry have been among her hobbies, and she has a collection of her poems to share. With eyeglasses and a magnifying glass, she manages to do some reading and she enjoys television and guests.

There is a telephone on the table by her wheelchair to receive calls from friends who notify her of happenings and TV programs.

"I am a happy person," Lillian said smiling. And she credits her long life to staying close to God. "I always tried to do the right thing and never wanted to hurt anyone," she said. "Leaving things to God brings peace," she added, "and limits stress."

Agawam UNICO To Award Scholarships

On Wednesday, June 10th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO national will award its annual scholarships to high school seniors of Italian extraction.

Scholarship Co-Chairmen S. Thomas Martinelli and Salvatore Morassi, Jr. have announced that six young people from Agawam and Feeding Hills will be the recipients.

They are **Daryl St. Laurent**, 46 Barry Street, Feeding Hills; **Amber Lee Conte**, 900 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills; **Gina Markowski**, 14 Two If By Street, Feeding Hills; **Jennifer Zerra**, 77 White Fox Road, Feeding Hills; **Lonnie DeLuca**, 78 Nicole Terrace, Feeding Hills; and **Kevin Cornwell**, 14 Worthington Brooke Circle, Agawam.

In addition, UNICO will present two special awards named after the late NFL football star Brian Piccolo. This year, the Chapter recognizes one boy and one girl scholar-athlete.

The awardees are **Bryan O'Quinn**, 25 Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, and **Amber Lee Conte**, 900 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The UNICO Chapter also sponsors an educational grant annually. This year's recipient is **Heather Marie Cushing**, 9 Mallard Circle, Agawam. This award will be presented by Dennis Marchetto.

The awards will be made at a special dinner meeting of UNICO at Ferruccio's Restaurant, 1520 Main Street, Agawam. All those interested may attend the ceremony. The charge for the dinner and awards ceremony is \$18 per person, with any excess overcosts going to the scholarship fund.

Requests for places at the dinner should be made in advance by calling either of the co-chairmen during the evening at 789-1701 (Mr. Martinelli) or 786-0177 (Mr. Morassi).

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 77's Bottle Drive Is Set

Cub Scout Pack 77 will hold its spring bottle drive on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

All redeemable bottles and cans should be dropped off at St. John's parking lot on Main Street. All funds raised will go towards upcoming Pack activities.

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John Glover of Palmer and Janice Reynolds of Springfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Glover, to Robert Kerr, son of Mrs. Thelma Kerr and the late Hugh Kerr of Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be, of Feeding Hills, graduated from Agawam High School in 1987. She is employed with the Town of Agawam as an Administrative Assistant in the Mayor's Office.

The future groom, of Feeding Hills, is a 1979 graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed with the Town of Agawam as a firefighter/EMT.

Rob and Jenn will wed on June 5, 1999 at Storowton in West Springfield.



MR. & MRS. JEFFREY A. ROBERTS

Marlene M. Turner Becomes Bride Of Jeffrey A. Roberts

Marlene M. Turner and Jeffrey A. Roberts were united in marriage on February 14, 1998 at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Feeney of New Brunswick, Canada. The bridegroom is the son of Joyce Roberts of Agawam and Carl Roberts, also of Agawam.

Ginette Senecal attended her friend as maid of honor. Brian Roberts served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended STCC. She is employed by Pediatric Associates of Hampden County.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by Klipstand Mfg. of Westfield.



MR. & MRS. CHRISTIAN HUME

Kristin Michnovetz Weds Christian Hume

Kristin Michnovetz and Christian Hume were married on May 24, 1998 at the Storowton Chapel in West Springfield.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Storowton Carriage House. Kristin is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Michnovetz of Agawam and Christian is the son of Mr. Donald Hume of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Laura Asta-Ferraro served as maid of honor and Justin Mokerzecki as best man. The bridesmaids included Tara Delskey and Heather Pliska. Jeff Daigneau and Randy Wilke served as ushers.

Both are 1995 graduates of Agawam High School. Kristin received an associate's degree from Bay Path College and is employed by Reliable Temps in Agawam. Christian is employed by Valenti's Restaurant in Agawam. The couple plan to reside in Agawam.

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Agawam Historical Association's Home And Garden Tour

The Agawam Historical Association's fifth Annual Home & Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

This year's Home & Garden Tour will feature the following homes and gardens:

The home of Donald & Judy Ball at 692 Main Street: This home was built in 1760. It is the goal of the Balls to return its charm of yesteryear. They have added a fireplace to the kitchen built with bricks from antique molds. With the completion of the siding, painting, and roofing, they will now concentrate on gardens and lawns.

The home of Michael & Ann Fournier at 940 Main Street: One of the oldest homes in Agawam and the oldest in Agawam Center. Built in 1747, it is a classic example of a center chimney "saltbox." Plans are underway to remove all but the original details of the house in as many rooms as is practical and to restore the house as closely as possible to the way it would have looked in 1750.

The home of George & Nancy Rosner at 56 Lawnwood Street: This raised ranch was built in the late 1950's. Especially enjoyable is the box-bay window in the dining room which overlooks the backyard and the woods beyond. The garden is a mix of annuals and perennials plus some unusual garden ornaments.

The home of Irene Scanlon at 121 Regency Park Drive: Interior design is one of Irene's hobbies and she has created a rather unique home. An air of coziness is prevalent. There is also a sense of walking into an art gallery as many art objects are displayed.

The home of Barry & Jackie Toussaint at 18G Castle Hill Road: You will find traditional a mix of different tastes and eras. There are traditional, French Provincial, Italian, antique, Oriental, and family "treasures" throughout the house. Outside, an umbrella pine tree and a pink dogwood overlook the peonies, sweet williams, shasta daisies, and a variety of roses.

The home of Fred Withee at 1100 River Road: This Georgian Colonial is set on 1 1/4 acres bordering the scenic Connecticut River. The moldings, teak parquet floors, and pocket doors all give testimony to the tireless hours the craftsmen had spent on making this 12-room home a showplace. Two patios were also added - one with a partial awning and garden.

The garden of Pamela Jacobsen at 34 High Meadow: You will have the opportunity to walk through several distinct garden settings. One area is a 620 square-foot formal herb garden featuring woodland and Native American plants. Guided tours will be given at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. Visitors arriving at other times will view the gardens on their own.

The garden at "Floral Concepts by Tom" at 266 Walnut Street: Entering the property from any direction, one is excited by the dazzling array of nature's bountiful offerings, delicately arranged by the owners. You will also encounter the "Mad Hatter" as he bids the visitor to come to the Tea Party. Many of the gardens stand alone while making their own statements of beauty, form, and color.

The public is encouraged to take part in this year's Home & Garden Tour. Tickets are on sale at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street and at each home on June 6th. For more information, please call 786-6835.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 8th: Liver and onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, June 9th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, summer squash, whole wheat bread, peach.

Wednesday, June 10th: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, rye bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, June 11th: French meat pie, potato puff, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, lemon pudding.

Friday, June 12th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, brownie.

Upcoming Activities For Families And Kids Sponsored By The Agawam Public Library

FAMILY STORYTIME

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, June 10th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a "Berry Blast" storytime.

In honor of strawberry season, we will be celebrating with an evening of berry stories and snacks.

PLEASE CALL 789-1550, OR VISIT THE LIBRARY BY JUNE 8th TO REGISTER.

PUPPET SHOW

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages four and up are invited to the library on Saturday, June 13th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. to see the puppet show "Hansel and Gretel."

Puppeteer Judith O'Hare (an Agawam native) will present this classic folk tale, complete with music and audience participation.

PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING 789-1550, OR VISITING THE LIBRARY.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages four and up are invited to attend a "Jan Brett" storytime on Monday, June 15th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We will share our favorite books by this popular author, along with some craft ideas from her web site. A special snack will round out the evening.

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Community Grange No. 382 Schedules 19th Annual Strawberry Supper For June 16th

Community Grange No. 382 will hold their 19th Annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday, June 16th. The supper will be held at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St. in Feeding Hills. Continuous servings will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of ham, homemade potato salad, baked beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream,

and a choice of beverages.

The price for adults is \$7 and children under 12 will be \$3.50.

Reservations can be made with any Grange member or by calling Pauline at 789-2061. A limited amount of walk-ins will be accepted and the public is invited to attend.



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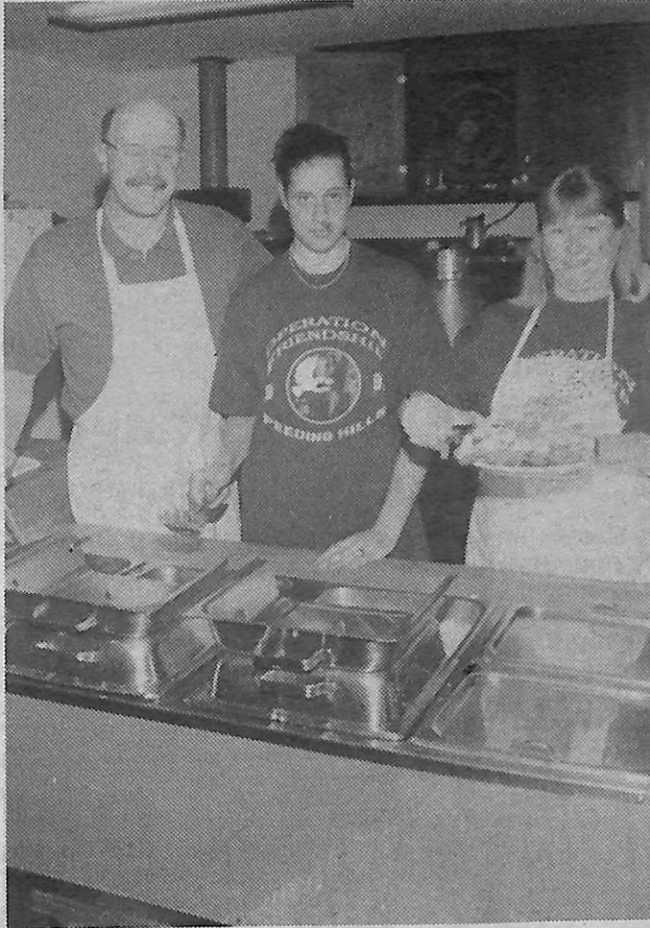
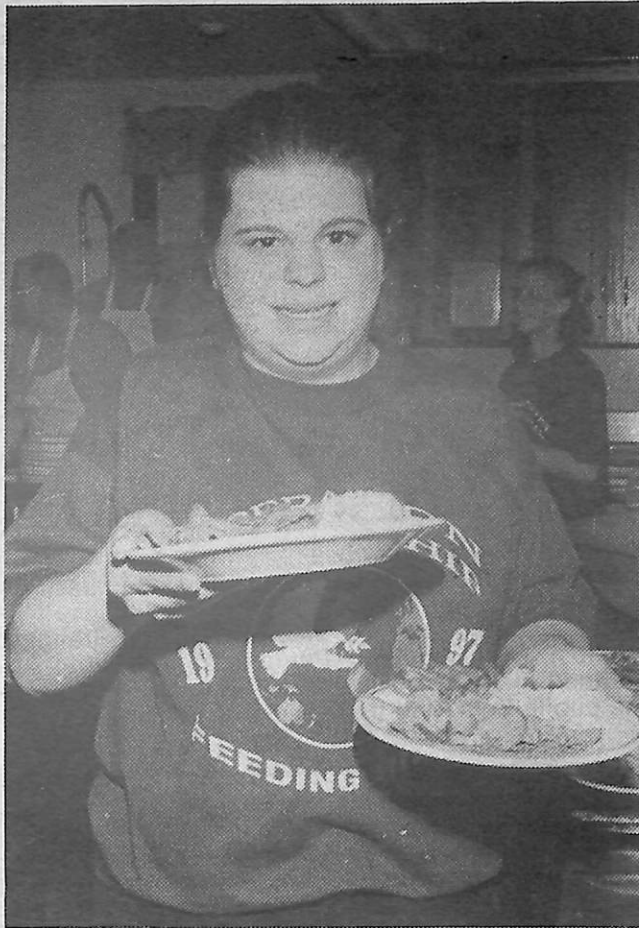
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Church News

Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congregational...



"WHERE'S THE BEEF???" At Feeding Hills Congregational on Saturday, May 9th. From left to right: Amanda Rozanski, Dave Bates, Sarah Bates, Judy McGuire, Dottie Hulse, and Nell Wright. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"Communion Sunday" To Be Celebrated This Week At First Baptist Church

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "And You Think God Can't Use You?" He will use as his scriptural text Joshua 2.

Ray Williams, Jr. will lead the responsive reading. Greeters will be Everett & Aletha Hodge and Harry & Betty Durant.

There will be a time of fellowship following worship in Davis Hall. Visitors are always welcome to come to our church at the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Coming up this week at First Baptist:
Tuesday, June 9th: 9:00 a.m., Women's Fellowship Executive Committee; 7:00 p.m.,

Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, June 10th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post. Final sale day — all items are 50 percent off. From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be a bag sale (fill a bag for \$4). After this date, the Trading Post will be closed until September.

Wednesday, June 10th: 7:30 p.m., Church Committee meets in Lockhart Parlor.

Children's Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 14th. At this service, graduates will be honored. Certificates will be presented for various achievements.

Presentations will be made by students of all ages. Plan to come and participate in this celebration of achievement and Christian growth of our children.

Ham And Bean Supper Slated At First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street invites you to their family-style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, June 20th.

Featured on the menu will be baked ham, homebaked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea or milk, and strawberry shortcake.

Serving times will be 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10.

For reservations, please call 786-8624 or 786-0337. If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel. Thank you.

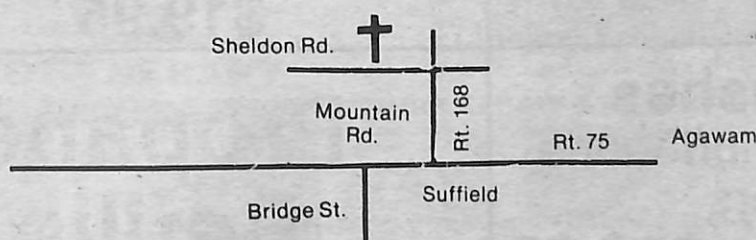
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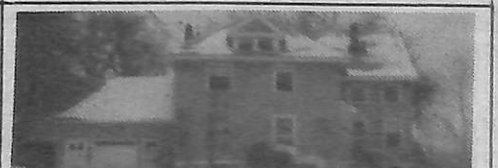
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Discussing The Holy Spirit...

There is a lot of confusion about the Holy Spirit, both inside and outside the Church. The Church has always been more than a little confused about who the Holy Spirit is and what, if any, role He should play in our lives. Even as late as the fourth century A.D., the Church struggled over whether the Holy Spirit is an "it," that is to say, a non-personal entity, or whether the Holy Spirit is a "He," a person.

Perhaps at the base of this confusion is the fact that while the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible, He did not spend a lot of time guiding those writers to write about Himself. There are two words for "spirit" in the Bible; "ruah" in the Hebrew and "pneuma" in the Greek. Ironically, each word appears in the Bible 379 times. However, when "ruah" appears in the Old Testament, it means "spirit" less than half the time, and then it does not always mean the Holy Spirit. "Pneuma" fares much better; 94 percent of the time it means "spirit," though not always the Holy Spirit. Our understanding of the personality of the Holy Spirit is derived more from the inferences of the Bible rather than outright statements of the Bible.

The Church really should not be confused about the role of the Holy Spirit, however. The Bible is much more straightforward about the function of the Holy Spirit in people's lives. Jesus described the work of the Holy Spirit in fairly simple and succinct terms.

The first role of the Holy Spirit in anybody's life is to **convict us of sin**. That doesn't mean that He screams "You're guilty!" at us. Rather, it means the Holy Spirit speaks to our consciences about our wrongdoings. The reason we can know our behavior is wrong at all is because the Holy Spirit has informed the world at large that there is, in fact, a distinction between right and wrong. It is the Holy Spirit who causes each person to know that we are not right with God, that each of us needs the Savior. The challenge for us, as well as the Holy Spirit, quite frankly, is that if a person persists in ignoring the message of the Holy Spirit, over time that person's ability to even hear the message of the Holy Spirit fades away.

The second role of the Holy Spirit is to **convince us concerning righteousness**. Righteousness means being in a right relationship with God. Our relationship with God is founded upon God forgiving our sins through Jesus Christ. Our relationship with God is nurtured by living in faithful trust of God's integrity and sovereignty. As we live in relationship with God, over time our character becomes more like the character of the Holy Spirit. We remain unique people with individual personalities, but our character becomes more godly and Christlike.

The third role of the Holy Spirit is to **convince us concerning judgment**. The ruler of this world has been condemned. Satan has been defeated, as well as his era of sin, sorrow, and death. Jesus said He had more to say on this topic, but the disciples weren't ready to hear it at that time. The Holy Spirit would reveal what we need to know about the end times. That message has been delivered throughout the Scripture. We should be aware that many of the indicators of the end of this era, including but not limited to nuclear holocaust, were predicted in the Bible and are falling into place.

Each of us would do well to heed the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We should hear and listen to His message for us. As He spoke through the prophet Jeremiah many years ago, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

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MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE June 13th strawberry supper at Feeding Hills Congregational Church: Bernice Burton, Debbie Donaldson, Betty Bava, Lani Kretschmar, and Jackie Gilmartin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

June 13th Strawberry Supper Will Highlight F.H. Congregational's New Church Hall

This year's strawberry supper will be the first public dinner held at Feeding Hills Congregational Church since the renovations to the church hall have been completed.

The hall is now totally handicapped accessible and has new bathrooms, new carpeting, new wallpaper, a new ceiling equipped with ceiling fans, new office space, as well as an addition which will accommodate a choir room and a special room for the Ladies Benevolent Society's meetings and projects.

The strawberry supper and food sale will be held on Saturday, June 13th with continuous servings from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The menu includes potato and egg salad, boiled ham, coleslaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage. The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight. Preschool-age children are free.

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679, Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732, or the church office at 786-5061.

Strawberry Supper At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes ham, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, mustard, and beverages. The dessert is strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, fresh strawberries, and whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended,

but a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111 or Carol Allen at 789-0187 before 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12th.

Please specify if you require unsweetened strawberries.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2908 and leave your name, address, and phone number.



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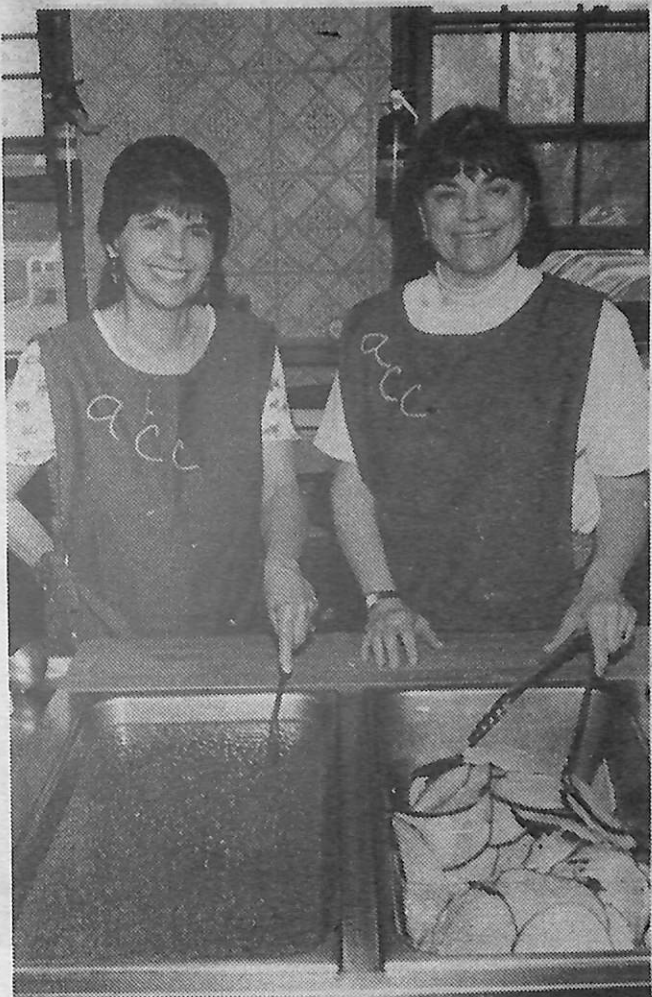
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*Church News - continued...***Ham And Bean Dinner At Agawam Congregational**

"SMILING COOKS" P.J. Owen and Deb Markham at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, May 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"WHAT'S FOR DESSERT???" Six year-old Ray Wyckoff at Agawam Congregational's ham and bean supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VOLUNTEER SERVERS at Agawam Congregational's ham and bean dinner included Jen and Crystal Mesick. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Celebrating Faith Continues At Valley Community Church

The joyful celebration of worship continues at Valley Community Church. We invite everyone to join us on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. as Pastor Steve Dennehy shares his message taken from the gospel of John 16:12-15.

Come and learn how any Christian who surrenders to Christ can be taught by the Holy Spirit. This scripture will also be taught to all our children during Children's Church, which begins at 10:00 a.m. in Dunn Hall.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be offered during Worship. Coffee and Fellowship will be held at 10:30 a.m. and feature our monthly Birthday Party, in which we honor all in the church family who celebrate birthdays during the month of June.

Church School will begin immediately after at 11:00 a.m. Classes are available for all ages, and nursery care is also provided throughout the morning.

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will be rehearsing on Wednesday, June 10th. The Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop 75, Den 3 will gather on Thursday, June 11th, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

The final Chicken Supper ('til fall) will be held on Saturday, June 13th.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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Al Tonelli To Cook Benefit Supper On Saturday, June 20th, For Disabled Grandchild

Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of Tonelli's Little River Inn, along with family and friends, will be serving a benefit supper of chicken and spaghetti a la Tonelli at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield, on Saturday, June 20th, for Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove.

Jonathan, grandson of Al and Pearl Tonelli, was a victim of a near-drowning accident and continues to require 24-hour care. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his

mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pampano Beach, Florida.

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting two seatings for the meal, one at 5:00 p.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this event can be obtained through Grace Lutheran Church at 734-9268, or through Al and Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Desserts will be made by the generous folks at Grace Lutheran.

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Weekly Calendar Of Events And Activities From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m., and this week will include a Service of Holy Communion.

We will welcome the Rev. Paul Zeckhausen as our guest while Rev. Donaldson attends the United Church of Christ Annual Meeting. Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Evelyn Nodland, Ben Rozanski, and Sue Boisvert will serve Communion.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Charlie Horenstein presented an award of \$800 from the Church Memorial Scholarship Committee to Ryan White during the service on Children's Sunday last week.

Ryan has been accepted to Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He has plans to major in biology with the possibility of continuing on to medical school.

Rev. Rob has begun to put together a group of people interested in helping to rebuild a church in Perry, Georgia. Another volunteer signed on last week, bringing the number up to five already!

There is room for you to travel during the last two weeks of July. Rev. Rob has plans in the works to raise some funds to help offset the cost of this mission project.

The LBS is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 13th, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The menu will include boiled ham, potato and egg salad, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake (of course!), and a beverage.

Adults may be served at a cost of \$7, children \$2.50. Please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732 for reservations.

Helpers are needed. If you are able to pick or clean berries, clean the kitchen, serve in the kitchen, or wait tables, please contact Lani

Krestchmar or Bernice Burton of call the church office at 786-5061. Donations of baked goods would also be greatly appreciated.

The Shared Steps Program provides parts for upper and lower, above and below the joint prosthetic limbs and orthotics to adults and children. Shared Steps initially served Nicaraguans who have endured 20 years of civil war, devastating earthquakes, and abject poverty.

Recently, Shared Steps has received inquiries from Angola, also. Monetary donations as well as prosthetic arms and legs are needed. The expensive inner workings of these used prosthetics cannot be used in this country due to liability laws.

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church is a drop-off site for any donations you may have to support this important world mission.

The Christian Ed-sponsored trip to Salem, MA, will take place on June 27, 1998. An itinerary of places to be visited is posted on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

You need to sign up as soon as possible.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, June 10th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

On the calendar:

Thursday, June 4th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Friday, June 5th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club; UCC Annual Meeting at Mt. Holyoke College (June 5th-7th).

Sunday, June 7th: 9:15 a.m., Communion Sunday with Rev. Zeckhausen as our guest; UCC Annual Meeting concludes.

Tuesday, June 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, June 10th: 12:00 noon, Desserts needed for Open Pantry.

Chicken Supper Finale To End With Strawberries

The last Chicken Supper (until fall) will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Valley Community Church. This month, our menu will feature a baked half-chicken along with some wonderful seasonal surprises (including cold salads).

And rather than make everyone struggle to decide just what dessert they must choose from, this month we will make it easy for all. Our dessert ladies will place a homemade biscuit in a bowl, drown it with red, luscious, sweet strawberries, and smother it all in light, fluffy whipped cream.

Continuous servings for this "Strawberry Supper" will be available from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552. The cost is still only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet June 5th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nuns Chapel in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, June 5th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Tag Sale Sponsored By St. Theresa's Women's Club

The Women's Club at St. Theresa's Church welcomes all to their tag sale on Saturday, June 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

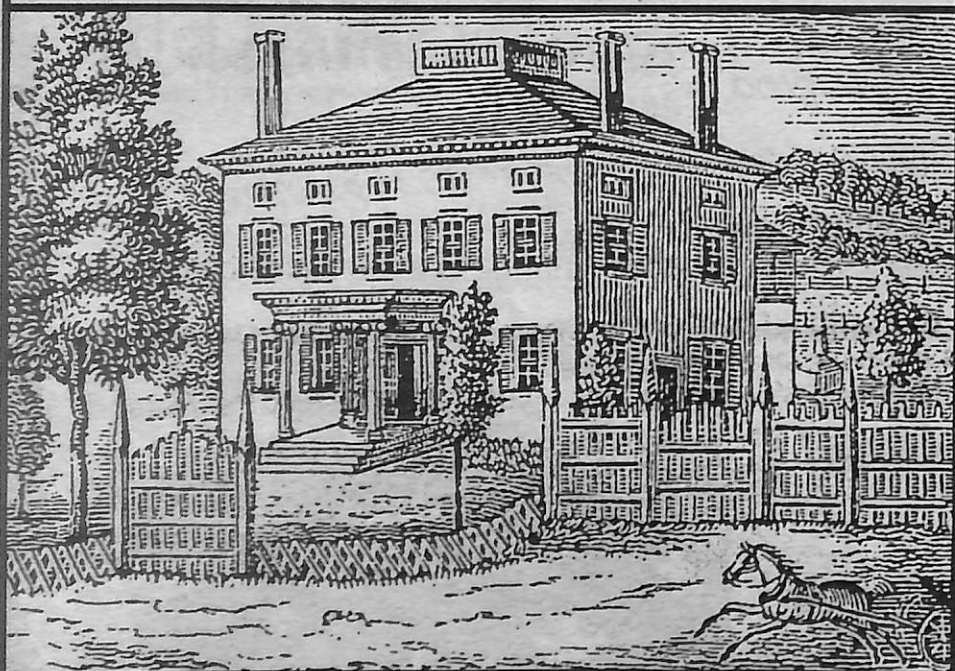
There will be many interesting items to choose from!

The Agawam Historical Association
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House & Garden Tour

Saturday, June 6th, 1998

10 am-4 pm



This year's tour features 6 Agawam homes and 2 gardens.

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Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 7th, is Church School Day at Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), when all Church School classes will present music, songs, skits, or a short program reviewing their year.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Hope Does Not Disappoint Us," taken from Text: Romans 5:1-15.

Next Sunday, June 14th, the Summer Church School curriculum will begin for all church school ages.

(New members Eric Timms and Cathy Hopping will join the church this Sunday, June 7th, at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.)

The Adult Education Class continues each Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. through June 10th, following the Midweek Worship.

Rev. Curt D. Fuller will be leading the class. Child care will be provided each week from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. to encourage families to attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is jelly. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Pre-register by June 8th and save \$10 (the fee will be only \$25).

Hole sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$10) are needed, and business ads cost \$25. All golfers are welcome — men, women, seniors, and juniors.

Call the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

There will be a Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 13th, at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The menu includes ham, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, mustard, pickle relish, rolls, coffee or tea, and (of course) homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream. Sugarless berries on your shortcake are available upon request.

Call Carol Allen, 789-0187, or the church office, 786-7111, for your reservations by June 11th.

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BIBLE CAMP

Our annual Bible Camp for children ages four through eight will be held during the week of July 6th-10th. Camp will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon each day.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers are needed for this program. Interested? Call Sr. Frances Gloster at 786-8105.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Meetings every second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining should call Frank at 789-2764 or Kay B. at 786-8442.

OVER 60 CLUB

The next trip for the group is the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a full length ballet: Jewels. Lunch will be a buffet. Date: July 9th. Cost: \$57. If interested, call Barbara at 786-7037 or Lil at 786-9586.

PACK 77 BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Cub Scout Pack 77 will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the parking lot. For pick up, call Ed at 789-3587.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Returning to the Council will be Paula Raiche and Gary Lawrence. New to the Council will be William Beaudry, Marie Demarest, Kathy Michaud, and Mary Socha. We wish them all well as they strive to lead our Parish family.

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church's closing meeting of the year is on Tuesday, June 9th.

Highlighted will be an "Outdoor Living Rosary." Members, please note the change of time—to begin at 7:00 p.m. with a short meeting.

Recitation of the Rosary is at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend this wrap-up meeting of the year.

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ENJOYING THEMSELVES at the Communion Breakfast: Nancy Prendergast and Gail Madura (above), and Suzanne and Jacqueline Svadeba (below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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DOROTHY MORRIS, SR. PAULA ROBILLARD, AND JESSIE RIVERS at the May 17th Communion Breakfast at Oak Ridge Country Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Communion Breakfast Held At Oak Ridge...

The sixth annual St. Theresa's Women's Club Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 17th, at Oak Ridge Country Club and was joined by the Holy Rosary Club of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Father William Rousseau, administrator of both churches, greeted the guests and parishioners. The guest speaker was Sr. Paula Robillard, SSJ, Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of

Springfield.

The chairperson for the event was Nancy Prendergast, assisted by Gail Madura and Jacqueline Prendergast.

Jessie Rivers, president of St. Theresa's Women's Club, and Dorothy Morris, president of the Holy Rosary Club, thanked all for joining in the celebration of the Eucharist.

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Spotlight On Business



Common Sense

with
Raymond Rose
THE PIONEER GROUP

Achieving Success!!!

Over the years, I have continued to read books and articles about Edward Deming, a man known for setting up the "quality movement" in Japan. I have used this information in guiding me throughout my business and personal life ... and I thought that you may want to review the highlights of his ideas.

You'll find this information to be very powerful ... and I strongly urge you to cut out this week's article and use it as needed.

1. Create constancy of purpose for improvement of product and service. Innovation, research, constant improvement, and maintenance are essential for a company to stay in business and continue to provide jobs.

2. Make poor workmanship and poor service unacceptable.

3. Build quality into the program for work. Don't depend on inspection and correction afterward.

4. Don't pick a supplier on the basis of low price alone. Look carefully to find the best quality and build a long-term relationship with vendors who can supply it consistently.

5. Improve production and service constantly. Improvement isn't a one-time "project."

6. Train ... train ... train. Too often, workers are left to learn their jobs from other workers who were never trained properly.

7. Lead. Don't manage by telling people exactly what to do and punishing them if they don't do it that way. Lead by helping people do the job better ... and find out, by objective methods, who needs additional help.

8. Drive fear out of the workplace. Many employees are afraid to ask questions even when they don't understand the right from the wrong way to do a job. When people feel secure about asking, quality and productivity improve.

9. Break down barriers between parts of the company. Units of a company often have conflicting goals or waste resources by competing with one another.

10. Eliminate slogans and targets. Exhorting never helped anybody to do a job better. Let employees create and display their own positive signs.

11. Educate and retrain managers and employees in new methods, including teamwork and statistical techniques.

12. Prepare a plan of action to carry out the change. A critical mass of people, including managers and workers, must know enough about the advantages to themselves and to the company of continuous improvement and quality work for it to be sustained.

As I stated above, although this information from Deming applies to the workplace, take some time and see how you can use this info in helping you build better and stronger relationships with those people that are important in your life. Best wishes for success!

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Park West Bank Holds Grand Opening Of New Center Street Ludlow Branch

Park West Bank and Trust Company held the grand opening celebration for its 12th branch on Friday, May 15, 1998. The branch, located at 314 Center Street in Ludlow, is a full-service community office.

It is a free-standing, 2,500 square-foot building with seven teller stations, one of which will accommodate physically challenged customers. The staff consists of Gary Szymaniak, Community Banking Officer, Kimberly Campbell, Assistant Manager, and four tellers.

For customer convenience, there are two drive-up windows and a drive-up automatic teller machine (ATM). The grand opening promotion was community-oriented and commemorated *Arbor Day* and *Earth Day*. Westbank gave away 1,000 Colorado Blue Spruce seedling trees with a booklet on plants improving our environment. "The residents of Ludlow are very concerned about preserving the environment for future generations," said Alfred C. Whitaker, Chairman of the Board of Westbank Corporation.

Massachusetts Senator Brian Lees and State

Representative Thomas Petrolati participated in the ribbon cutting and presented the branch with official citations of welcome.

"You may have heard us say that at Westbank we have our roots where other banks have their branches. Now that we're opening our new community office in Ludlow, we are looking forward to demonstrating our commitment to you. That's not just lip-service ... we put out money where our mouth is," said Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westbank.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Legal
Memo

by
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Motor Vehicle Negligence:
Car Collision At Intersection

Injuries alleged:

Cubital tunnel syndrome of the right elbow, right knee contusions, cervical sprain, hyperflexion neck injury, lumbar strain, post-traumatic pain syndrome, ulnar neuritis, adjustment disorder, Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) syndrome.

Facts:

On February 5, 1993, the plaintiff was operating her motor vehicle when the defendant pulled out from a side street, allegedly failing to grant the right of way and thereby causing a collision.

The plaintiff was taken by ambulance to the hospital with complaints of right knee pain. Thereafter, the plaintiff began experiencing severe headaches, problems with concentration and memory, and pain in the upper back, neck, right shoulder, and arm.

The plaintiff was treated by a chiropractic doctor and an orthopedic doctor, and attending physical therapy. The plaintiff was further diagnosed with cubital tunnel syndrome and chronic ulnar neuritis and underwent day surgery for this on April 1, 1994, more than one year after the accident.

The plaintiff attended psychotherapy for depression and headaches through August 1994. On February 7, 1995, more than two years post-accident, the plaintiff was diagnosed with TMJ. The plaintiff underwent TMJ surgery on May 22, 1996, June 11, 1996, and January 1, 1997. The plaintiff received treatments at a pain clinic from December 1995 until the summer of 1997 for her TMJ problems.

The defendant's expert was to testify that development of right elbow symptoms and the subsequent surgery were not causally related to the motor vehicle accident. Another defense expert, a TMJ doctor, was to testify that the symptoms of TMJ pain which the plaintiff first reported two years after the accident were not causally related to the accident.

The case was settled for \$100,000.00 which was the highest amount offered from a demand of \$300,000.00, and special damages were set at \$14,850.00 for medical bills and \$31,782.00 in TMJ related bills.

Attorney Alan J. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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RON GORDENSTEIN, owner of Broadway Officer Interiors (center), was the winner of Westbank's Money Tree Contest. Ron is pictured with John M. Lilly, executive vice-president and treasurer of Westbank (left), and Richard N. Hanchett, vice-president of Westbank and program coordinator.

Westbank Announces Winner Of "Money Tree Contest" Promotion

Ron Gordenstein, the owner of Broadway Office Interiors, was the winner of Westbank's Money Tree Contest at Market '98 presented by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, according to John M. Lilly, Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Park West Bank and Trust Company.

The prize totaling \$264, was the currency that was displayed on Westbank's Money Tree at the

Trade Show.

There were hundreds of entries, but Mr. Gordenstein's answer of 262 was the closest. When asked, Ron will tell you that he used a very complicated mathematical equation to get the answer, but in reality, he only guessed.

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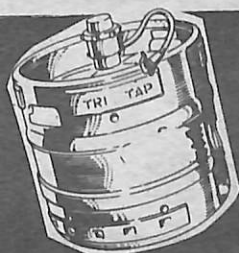
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Spotlight On Business - continued...



Travel Talk...

by Lori Keeley, CTC
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How About A Trip To Aruba?

As promised, I mentioned that some of my articles would include first-hand experience from some of our customers. This letter is from Mr. and Mrs. James and Janice Noonan of Windsor, CT, who recently returned from Aruba in May.

Please keep in mind this letter is merely someone's opinion, but I felt the information to be noteworthy and informative. I hope it can be of use to anyone who is thinking of or already booked to travel to Aruba. ***

May 14, 1998

Lori Keeley
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Re: Aruba Trip

Dear Lori:

Per our telephone conversation, the trip to Aruba was fantastic. The weather was perfect every day, with a breeze constantly. As I told you, the Divi Divi was great! And as far as the Linaí, it was fantastic for us — geared more towards people my age (in the 50-plus age bracket), as the younger couples or couples with children would want to be closer to the pool where there is more activity.

It was very quiet where we were, but that's just what we wanted and speaking to other couples, they felt the same. We were at the opposite end of where the pool was located, but we strictly used the beach. Therefore, I would not recommend the Linaís for couples with children.

The breakfast buffet at the Divi Divi is a little pricey, especially with a family (about \$12 per person). However, there is a Dunkin' Donuts in walking distance from the Divi Divi. The Divi also offers free coffee every morning near the pool area for those that prefer to have coffee only. There are also restaurants in walking distance if you didn't want to rent a car.

Le Petite Cafe - Great breakfast buffet, all you can eat for \$5.95 located near high-rise hotels of Hyatt and near Holiday Inn.

For lunch at the Divi, you can get a hamburger and fries or the full buffet lunch. However, there is a Subway also in walking distance for those that prefer just a grinder, plus other restaurants that are not very expensive.

Restaurants for dinner as follows:

"French Steak" Walking distance from the Divi. Excellent Argentinean steak and great atmosphere. One of our favorites.

"Red Parrot" - Restaurant at the Divi also very good. We ate outside on the patio surrounded by trees, lighted torches, and overlooking the ocean, listening to the house band play soft dinner music. There was music every night, either a band or DJ.

(Note: There is another restaurant at the Divi where a buffet dinner is served nightly with different themes. The "Red Parrot" is totally separate.)

La Trattoria El Faro, Oranjestad, Aruba - Located at the California Lighthouse. Excellent Italian restaurant. Seating can be inside or outside. We ate outside on the terrace overlooking Aruba. We had a 6:00 p.m. reservation and watched the sunset. There were soft lights on the terrace and the view was spectacular! They did not rush you at all. I believe they only had two seatings per night for dinner outside dining. Superb atmosphere!

Le Dome - French-Belgian restaurant was superb and the most expensive. We ate at this restaurant our last night and what a way to end a vacation — it was fantastic! I ordered a shrimp cocktail served in a fancy green glass swan. The presentation of the food was exquisite! We ordered Chautebriand for two and it was excellent.

Chalet Suisse - Located near the La Cabana. Swiss architecture, elegant decor. Menu features a variety of beef, veal, lamb, and poultry.

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(Note: All above upscale restaurants have dinner music playing during dinner.)

Other restaurants:

The Buccaneer, Noord, Aruba - Inside decor is very dark and is like being on a ship. If you sit in a booth as we did, there is an aquarium in the wall at your table. Not overly expensive.

The Mill - Located in walking distance of high-rise hotels. This restaurant is considered international cuisine and serves fresh fish of the day, beef, veal, and chicken. This was an windmill brought over to Aruba.

Overall regarding restaurants:

1. Make reservations a day before for the upper-scale restaurants. All upscale restaurants have dinner music playing, which makes a wonderful atmosphere. We never had a bad meal — the food was excellent everywhere. Approximate price for upscale restaurants — figure \$60 to \$100 (if you have a bottle of wine with dinner).

2. There are lesser eateries on the island also, like Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Wendy's, Hooters, Houlihan's, Subway, Tony Roma's (known for wonderful spare ribs), and many more at reasonable prices for families.

Other notes:

1. You can rent a car right at the Divi. They have Budget and Hertz and different prices depending on what you want and how many days. I would definitely recommend renting a car even it was for a few days.

2. Sites to see: the natural bridge; California Lighthouse; Tierra del sol golf course (right near California Lighthouse); ruins; Casibari rock formations; Fontein caves and Indian drawings; beautiful churches to see inside (unique architecture); and historical graves.

Tour island by jeep and drive along the ocean; special roads for jeeps. Many beaches for snorkeling without taking the tours.

3. Make a trip to downtown a must. The "Seaport Mall" is real neat and great shopping. Also, very nice jewelry stores, but prices not as cheap as St. Martin when it comes to jewelry.

4. At the Divi, you can:

- Rent floats, take a ride on the "Chile Pepper" while a power boat pulls you, do windsurfing, jet skis, waterskiing, etc.

- Beach is beautiful, and water has little to no undertow.

- Walk to Alhambra casino. Small shopping bazaars next to casino, along with Dunkin' Donuts.

5. Overall, Aruba is not what you would consider a pretty island, but it is very safe and friendly. Weather is perfect every day, and that's a big plus. Weather is hot, but breezy and not humid (at least not when we were there). Water temperature is probably in the 80's — absolutely gorgeous!

Overall, we would add Aruba to our list of favorite places in the Caribbean, which are as follows: Grand Cayman Islands, St. Martin, and Aruba. Bermuda would also be on our list of favorites, and we've been to quite a few islands over the past few years.

Hope you find the above information useful. Thank you for everything!

Jan Noonan

Appreciation Breakfast Being Sponsored By Work Opportunity Ctr.

Work Opportunity Center, Inc. Supported Employment Program, provider of vocational services for individuals with developmental disabilities, will host an Employer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, June 12th at 7:30 a.m. at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The purpose of the breakfast is to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to those individuals who have made the Supported Employment Program successful.

The Supported Employment Program is funded by the Department of Mental Retardation. Under the program, full- or part-time employment is secured for each individual in an area business. The program provides training and support services for each individual hired and consultative services to the business to facilitate the transition and social integration of their new employee.

Guests will arrive at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:45, and the keynote address will be given by Margaret Van Gelder, Director of Employment Supports, Department of Mental Retardation, Central Office in Boston, and an award ceremony will begin at approximately 8:15 a.m.

The guest list for the event will include Donna Cabana, Maria Carrion, Mary Link, Sandy Michaelian, and Lisa Savitt-King, all Employment Specialists; Robert F.L. MacDonald, Executive Director; Richard Wright, Employment Specialist Manager; and Al Zaskey, Director of Client Services, all of Work Opportunity Center, Inc., and consumers Sheila Ducharme, Pat Mesick, Nellie Hoyt, Susan McIntosh, Karen Kohanek, Juan Lopez, and Isaura Franco.

Also, representing the Department of Mental Retardation will be Paula Braun, Program Coordinator, Springfield Office; John Foster, Program Coordinator, Holyoke/Chicopee Office; Donna Ivy, Area Director of Springfield Office; Charlotte Lawrence, Program Coordinator, Westfield Office; Theresa O'Hare, Regional Director; Leigh Schmidt, Acting Area Director, Holyoke/Chicopee Office; and William Zimmer, Area Director, Westfield Office.

Local businesses to be honored at the breakfast include Agawam Public Market, American Classics Restaurant, Geissler's Supermarket, H.P. Hood, McDonald's Restaurant, Schiffer Dental Care, Thorpes Office Supply, and United Process, all of Agawam; and The Kid's Place of Feeding Hills.

The Agawam Public Market and Geissler's Supermarket, both of Agawam, will receive the "Quality Employment Award," given to a business who has hired a developmentally disabled individual and that individual has become a regular employee of that institution.

For more information about the breakfast, call 786-8830 by June 5th.

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by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

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Perhaps you have heard that green tea contains flavonoids. But did you know that black tea comes from the same plant, so it also has flavonoids? What's more, the specific flavonoids found in tea are unique, and in at least one study have demonstrated stronger antioxidant activity *in vitro* than other vitamins C or E.

Considers these emerging research findings:

- In a prospective cohort study of postmenopausal women, consumption of two or more cups of black tea daily was associated with decreased risk of upper gastrointestinal and bladder cancers.

- Epidemiological studies suggest consumption of green or black tea may inhibit several forms of human cancer.

- Epidemiological data suggest black tea consumption may decrease risk of coronary heart disease in elderly men.

- Numerous animal studies show that tea drinking inhibits tumors of the skin, esophagus, colon, and lung.

As always, tea has no fat, no calories, no sugar, no sodium, and half the caffeine of coffee. Research is ongoing, of course, and rapidly evolving.

CAFFEINE CONTENT OF POPULAR BEVERAGES

Brewed Black and Green Tea (6 oz. cup)	
Major U.S. Brands	40 mg
Imported Brands	60 mg
Decaffeinated	4 mg
Brewed Coffee (6 oz. cup)	
Drip Method	100 mg
Instant	65 mg
Decaffeinated	3 mg
Iced Tea (8 oz. glass)	25 mg
Some Soft Drinks (8 oz. glass)	24 mg

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

Fitness Tips...

First Use Your Head

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Fitness First

I've talked a lot about various forms of exercise, the way to begin, the way to continue, and a host of other topics.

I'd like at this time to emphasize where it all starts. Exercise, like everything else we do and say, begins as a mental process. It must exist in your mind before it becomes reality. Think about it (no pun intended), it is our mind that makes us happy, sad, curious, determined, motivated, aroused, and a host of other psychological characteristics.

During my studies of natural health, there is much discussion and writing about the body/mind connection. I'm confused as to where the idea came from that they were disconnected. Actually, I'm not sure why they are referred to as two separate entities. When a father passes out in the emergency department while watching his son get sutured, when did the emotion cross a line to cause a physical response?

Being totally physically paralyzed with fear, or stress actually causing a heart attack, these are very physical signs that originated completely in the brain.

Many of the exercise routines being sold today are missing this holistic approach of starting within. This is not a new concept or a fad going around. Any athlete will tell you you've got to visualize yourself winning the race during practice if you want to win the race in reality.

You already know to write your goals and make a plan, now visualize and believe the positive results. You will never, ever lose weight and keep it off if you look in the mirror and say, "I'm so fat." If you begin a new program and think, "I've tried so many times, I'm just going to fail again," you're right, so don't start. Don't waste your time if you are going to keep undermining your own efforts with all that negative self talk.

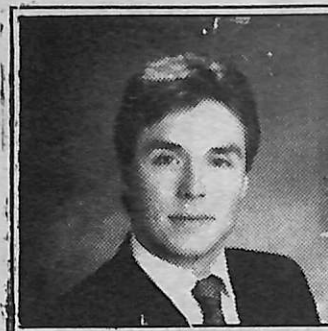
If you want to be strong you first have to believe you can be. Then see it happen in your mind. If you've got a goal weight to achieve, wake up every morning and picture yourself at that weight. Believe in yourself. Tell yourself what a fantastic job you're doing.

Tell yourself you know you can be and do anything. When mistakes happen, and they will, embrace them and say, "Oh, yes, I am human. I almost forgot," and positively move on.

Hearing Screening At Agawam Senior Center

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. on June 8th.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital. For a reservation, call 786-0400, ext. 242.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
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Swim For Your Health...

While working with patients who have spine-related problems, I am often asked about appropriate exercises that can be done to help their problem.

Take advantage of the summer season and do as much swimming as you possibly can. This form of exercise ranks as number one when it comes to overall conditioning.

A considerable portion of our lives is spent in the upright position during work and play. Gravity constantly pulls us toward the earth.

The force of gravity is powerful and takes its toll on all of us. Most of us know that we are actually taller in the morning than in the evening. That's because gravity compresses our skeletal systems and the discs of the spine throughout the day.

Have you ever seen someone who is permanently hunched or stooped over due to years of hard physical labor, lifting, and/or bending? The "wearing out" effect is more prevalent in the lower back, hips, knees, and feet. It is quite visible on x-ray.

So what can you do about the law of gravity? You'll never change the law of gravity, so why not make use of another law — the power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it is defined as buoyancy.

The stress and strain to the joints of the body during exercise in water are greatly reduced by this characteristic of water. It is no wonder that so many doctors of chiropractic recommend a water exercise program as part of a recovery process in patients with back problems.

What a wonderful, natural way to combat osteoporosis. Swim regularly! This applies to people of all ages. What? You can't swim? That's OK, use the shallow end of the pool and do your aerobic workout standing in waist-deep water! What a workout, and fun, too!

When you have a spinal problem, whether the neck, midback, or lowback is involved, it is wise to keep one thing in mind before you begin your water exercise program. Spine problems often become worse with exercise!

Be sure your spinal column is structurally sound before starting. Have a doctor of chiropractic check your spine if you have problems. If symptoms arise following exercise, a chiropractic examination is a must.

Once the spine is properly aligned, my advice is to find a place to swim and then do so on a regular basis. You can't beat this activity for overall muscle conditioning, especially those that surround and support your spine.

A spinal examination may be obtained by calling the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office

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Congratulations, graduates!

What a great accomplishment! This is such an exciting time in your life. You are free to choose your own life, your own path to walk down. The sky is the limit! This is such a dynamic time.

But along with the freedom of choice comes the difficulty of making a decision about which path to follow. There are so many choices to make, it can become overwhelming. I think the important aspect is to try something. If it isn't right, try something else!

I remember reading a quote once that said, "Keep your wagon hitched to a star, but always have your bag packed ready to shift stars at a moment's notice." Don't feel just because you made a decision you are stuck with it; life is change.

I was 27 when I decided to become a chiropractor, and in my 30's when I finally graduated. I have several odd degrees that I've accumulated; associate's degree in liberal arts with human ecology, associate's degree in recreation leadership, several years in anthropology, and a bachelor's degree in human biology.

I just kept changing my mind. Then I've worked many odd jobs in the past, too. But all that experience has made me who I am today.

I am glad I finally found something to really be excited about. I love what I do. But it took a while to get to this point; many years of work and school and many decisions.

Earlier in my life, I remember the frustration of not knowing what I wanted to do or where I wanted to go. The frustration was increased by adults always asking, "So what do you want to do with your life?"

I once had a quote on my bulletin board that said, "Adults always ask kids what they want to be when they grow up because they still don't know what they want to be." This is so true.

My advice is to live life and experience everything. And don't forget to have fun! GOOD LUCK, GRADS!

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Noble Hospital Offering Many Support Programs In June

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Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, June 10th and June 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic will be "Caregiver Support" (June 10th) and "Dietary Choices After A Stroke" (June 24th). Recipes and nutritional information will be shared on June 24th, and both meetings will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 23rd, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Jane F. Martone, DDS, MAGD, will speak to the group about dental hygiene and the diabetes patient.

Crohn's and Colitis: Tuesday, June 16th, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from Crohn's or Colitis and their support persons.

This meeting will be open for discussion and information sharing.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes": Mondays, June 15th and June 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe

Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery: Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Pre-registration is required.

For free registration, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, June 17th and 24th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department (Ground Floor).

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, June 18th. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Weldon Center To Sponsor Chronic Pain Support Group

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends.

The next meetings will be conducted June 9th and 23rd, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in room 224 of the Weldon Center, 233 Carew St.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center. Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Dr. Fagen, (413) 748-6996.

Diabetic Programs Offered At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in June at Mercy Hospital.

The free series will take place June 8th-11th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

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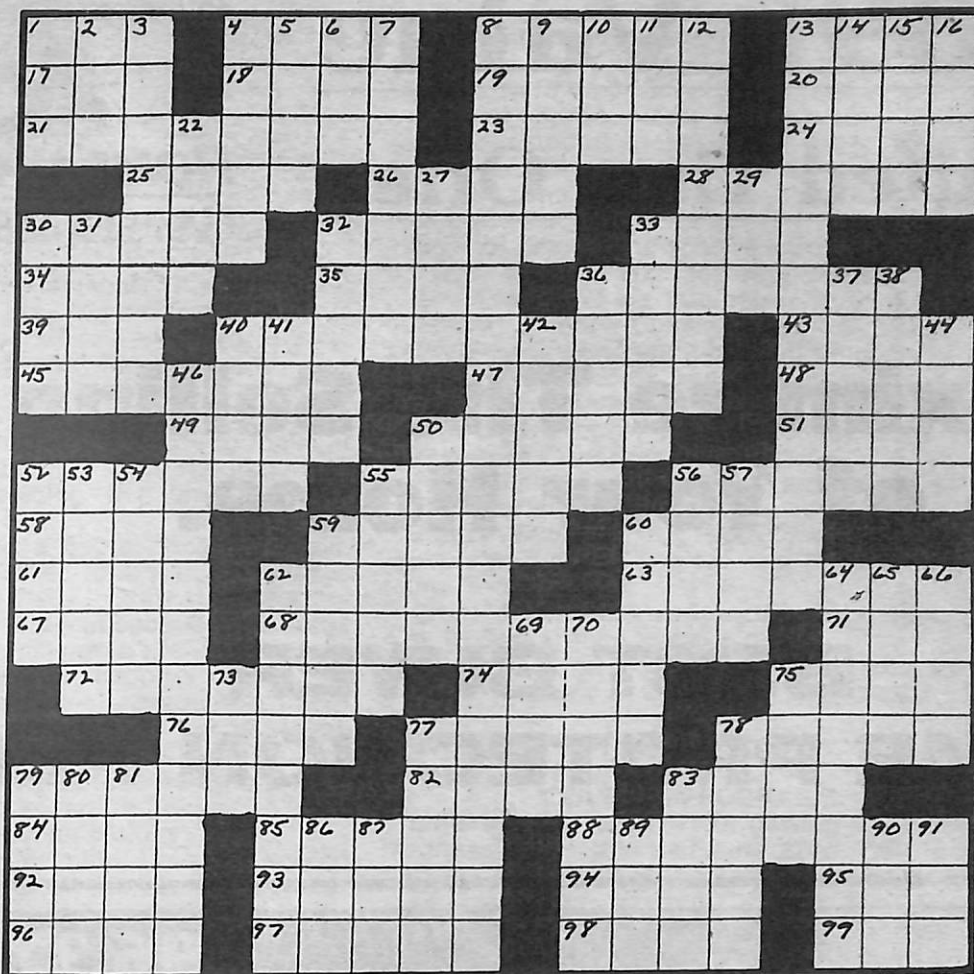
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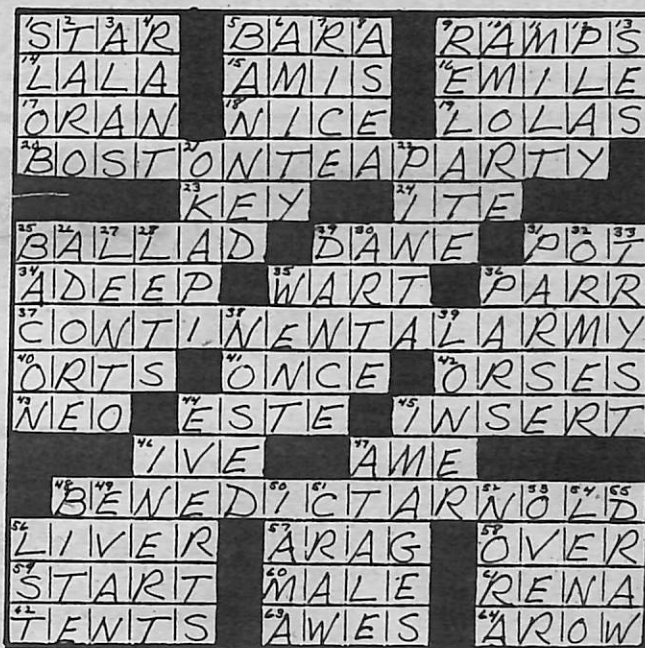
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MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



Last Week's Solution...



best hometown news...



CAST MEMBERS OF STAGE'S Teen Ensemble Theatre meet, greet, and sign autographs for young audience members who came to see one of their productions. They will be presenting "Golden Goose" on Saturday, June 13th, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre. For ticket information, call 789-2026.

Children's Play At Feeding Hills Theatre Involves Audience

TEEN ENSEMBLE THEATRE (T'NT), part of STAGE Enterprises at The Red Door Theatre, will present a new adaptation of "The Golden Goose," written by local playwright Lyle Pearsons.

The play, geared for young audiences, will be presented June 13th only and is based on the well-known Brothers' Grimm story. It relates the adventures of a simple peasant boy, Dunderhead, who (because of his kindness to a magic dwarf) is rewarded with a golden goose. On his way to show the King his treasure, Dunderhead encounters several greedy townspeople who find themselves stuck to the goose when they attempt to take it.

The "parade" winds its way to the Palace, where King and Queen Wittsend have issued a promise to give their daughter's hand in marriage to anyone who can make her smile. The ending is true to the form "... and they lived happily ever after," but everything that happens in-between is sure to surprise young audiences, as many of them are directly involved in the action.

Several children are taken from the audience, costumed, and given a part to play in the production. There's the Princess Joy's Lady-In-Waiting, the King's soldiers, the Innkeeper's daughter, the Farmer's son — all of whom are engaged in an attempt to disengage themselves from the magic goose.

"Help, help! I can't get loose! I'm stuck, I'm stuck to the golden goose!"

Audiences who have seen previous T'NT productions, including "Beauty and the Beast" and last year's "Stone In The Road," are sure to enjoy this audience participatory play.

A special performance will be given on Friday, June 12th, for the kindergarten children at Sufield's Spaulding School. They will be bused from their school to The Red Door Theatre as part of their enrichment program. "Play With Your Snack" is in its third year of operation, and the Spaulding kindergarten students have been coming since the beginning to be entertained by T'NT's talented troupe of young performers.

They include Megan Banks of Granby as Princess Joy, Tim Eberle of Westfield as Dunderhead, and his brother, Bob Eberle, in the dual role of Angus and Farmer Brown.

Scott Belisle of Agawam plays Rufus and Parson Nip, while Marcy Secora & Kassia Ranzio, both of Southwick, play the innkeeper and her daughter, respectively. Rounding out the cast are directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora as King and Queen Wittsend.

Two public performances of "The Golden Goose" will be offered on Saturday, June 13th, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$4 and may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026.

The Red Door Theatre is located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA, and was recently voted second place in *The Springfield Advocate's* "Reader's Poll" as The Best Place To See Live Theatre.

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Education



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S National Junior Honor Society at induction ceremonies on May 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High Students Inducted Into National Junior Honor Society

On Thursday, May 21st, the Richard H. Barry Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at Agawam Junior High School held its fourth annual Induction Ceremony.

Special guests that afternoon included Dr. Frank Ameruso, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee member Mrs. Teresa Kozlowski, and parents of the inductees.

The new members proceeded into the auditorium to a procession played by the Junior High Band under the direction of Mr. Scott Thomson. They were led by the four chair officers of the society: Erric Powell, President; Jenna Shea, Vice-President; Katie Feato, Secretary; and Robert Cullen, Treasurer.

Ms. Mary Czajkowski, Director of Curriculum and Assistant Superintendent elect, delivered the Keynote Address to the members. In her talk, Ms. Czajkowski stressed the five qualities that are expected of honor society members: leadership, character, scholarship, service, and citizenship. Special attention was paid to the quality of character, as the strength of our character plays such an important part in our future success.

Following a beautiful rendition of the song "God Help the Outcasts" by Junior High Guidance Counselor Mrs. Jeanne Trinquet, the new candidates received their certificates and recited the Honor Society Oath.

Mr. Kevin Littlefield, Junior High Principal, closed the ceremony with words of encouragement and praise to both the candidates and especially to their parents.

Light refreshments were then served to the new inductees and to their families.

At its May 27th meeting, the following students were elected as chair officers for the 1998-1999 school year: Alexis Chretien, President; Victoria Taylor, Vice-President; Heather Cox, Secretary; and Aimee Beaudette, Treasurer.

GRADE EIGHT:

Taryn Albano, Kathleen Barker, Amanda Blair, Jamie Borkosky, Amanda Brown, Matthew Couture, Renee Couture, Robert Cullen (Treasurer), Danya Decoteau, Kathleen Demetron, Jennifer Dobise, Kara Dominick, Scott Drenzek, Ronald Dutton, Kathryn Feato (Secretary), Bryan Ghedi, Kara Gilhooly, Erin Gloster, Hilary Golas, Alyssa Goodrow, Sarah Hamel, Erin Jackson, Craig Jendza, Sakhonk Kheumun (new member).

Jacqueline Legrand, Amanda Lemieux, Denis Marchetto (new member), Erika Martin, Alyson Nowell, Courtney Nowill, Erric Powell (President), April Rondeau, Jessica Roy (new member), Jenna Shea (Vice-President), Maureen Skehan, Julia Spear, Sara Tremblay, Steven Turner, Meredith Willett (new member), Lucy Young.

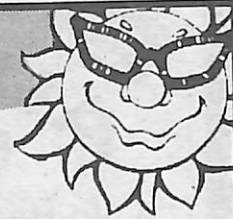
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NEW MEMBERS of the Agawam Junior High School's National Junior Honor Society hold their certificates at induction ceremonies on Thursday, May 21st. Standing, from left - Rebecca Carey, Patricia Litchben, Kelly Reilly, Whitney Brown, and Danielle Cirillo. Front - Denis Marchetto. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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REGISTRATION PLACE: ALAN R. COHEN, Summer School Director, Agawam High School - Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number: 821-0519.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 4 weeks - 36 hours (except Physical Education - 18 hours).

TIME AND DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (July 6th through July 31st); Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (July 7th through July 30th).

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION DATES: June 17th through July 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Payment due with Registration Form. (Registration Forms are available at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.) Mail Registration Form and check to "Agawam High School - Summer School, Attn.: Mr. Alan Cohen, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001."

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than two classes. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Avoid tardiness and dismissals.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one own's guidance department before registration.

NOTE: ALL summer school classes will be held at Agawam Junior High School, 1335 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 6th-31st

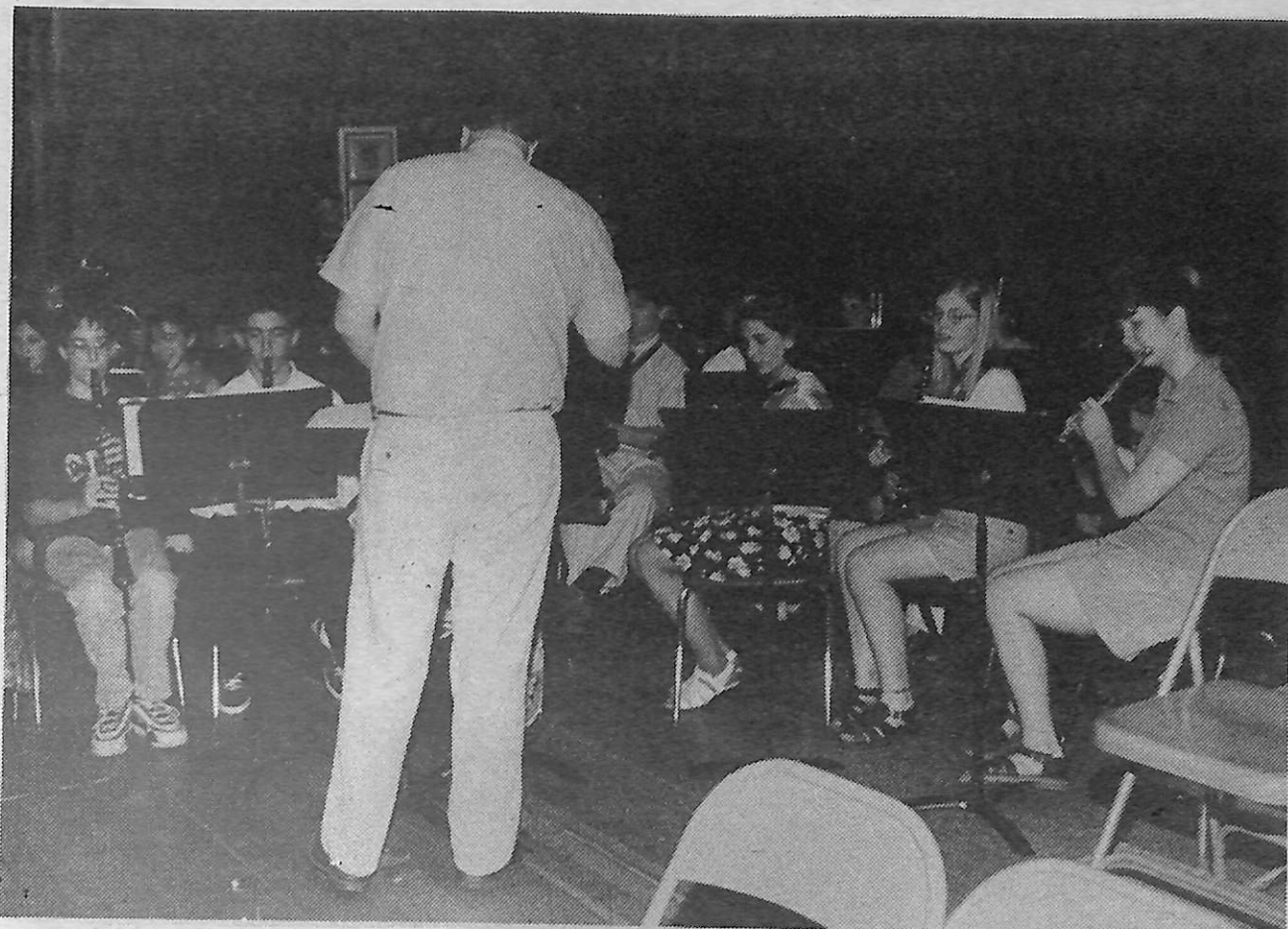
7th Grade English; 8th Grade English; 9th Grade English; 10th Grade English; 11th Grade English; 12th Grade English; Spanish III; Intro To Computers; Intro To Health.

Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 7th-30th

Government/Geography/Civics; World History; U.S. History; 7th Grade Math; 8th Grade Math; Pre-Algebra; Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; General Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physical Education (this course meets only two hours per day - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.)

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH BAND perform at induction ceremonies of the school's National Junior Honor Society chapter on Thursday, May 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

JR. HIGH HONOR SOCIETY - from P. 39...

GRADE SEVEN (all new members):

Kevin Athas, Catherine Baum, Aimee Beaudette, Ashley Blanchard, Sabrina Brizzolari, Whitney Brown, Sean P.F. Burke, Rebecca Carey, Alexis Chretien, Danielle Cirillo, Heather Cox, Jenine Davignon, Michael Dombrowski, Daniel Drewniak, Suzanne Dudley, Laura Duquette, Patricia Fitchben, Kevin Fleming, Allyson Gavron, Nicole Gendreau, Kevin Grimaldi, Elizabeth Haire, Ian Hamlett, Eric Harris, Christopher Holl, Anna Kiforishina, Nathan Krach, Michael Lalli, Patrick Landers, Justin Lepard.

Jeremy Malanson, Ashley Marek, Eric McLaughlin, Laura McNeish, Megan Mercadante, Vincent Moretti, Nina Murray, Michael Peetros, Jodie Pfau, Courtney Poirier, Julie Pontz, Kelly Reilly, David Rosenberg, Amanda Rozanski, Amanda Stork, Benjamin Sunny, Victoria Taylor, Brittany Theriaque, Sebastian Verelst, Cori Ann Verteramo, Cylyn Williams, Tara Witte.

*Please remember
our deadline is every
Tuesday at noon. We
open weekdays at
6:30 a.m. Thanks.*

Middle School Slates Final PTO Meeting For Monday, June 8th

The PTO board will be holding this school year's final meeting on Monday, June 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

At this meeting, an election will be held to find a new parent representative to serve on the Middle School Council. All present and incoming parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

The PTO board would like to take this opportunity in thanking all parents that have helped them in many of the activities throughout the year. We would not be able to have accomplished so much without you. Keep up the good work next year!!!

Eighth Grade Open House Scheduled For Monday, June 15th

Eighth grade students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an informal and informative open house at Agawam High School.

The open house will be held in the AHS cafeteria on Monday evening, June 15th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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Brownie Troop 543 from Phelps School recently hosted a fashion show at Agawam Baptist Church (thank-you Mr. Barnes, pastor and father of Aida Barnes, one of our girls) as part of a father/daughter potluck supper.

The girls had just completed their "Art to Wear" try-it and they wanted to show off their efforts. The focus of the show was tie-dye tee-shirt dresses and matching socks. The girls added handmade beaded necklaces & visor hats accented with sequins and beads. Each girl also made a silk flower boutonniere for her father to wear.

We have been keeping very busy this year earning a variety of try-its, including "Open My Eyes," which they earned when they spent a very rainy, buggy day at Camp Bonnie Brae with other Brownie troops in the Pioneer Valley. The girls also earned "Caring and Sharing" and "Play" while on a camping trip during winter vacation up at Big House.

Troop 543 is still keeping active as many troops wind down for the summer. On June 5th, we leave for Tolland State Park for a two-night campout. The girls will have the opportunity to fine tune some of the camping skills they have learned on previous camping trips. We also plan to start a year-long service project on June 17th at The Atrium, where the girls will work with the residents on various activities.

Agawam High School's Calendar Of Events For June 1998

June 5th: Class of 1998 Senior Picnic at High Meadow. Buses leave AHS at 8:15 a.m.

June 8th: EARLY RELEASE DAY, AHS ONLY. Dismissal at 12:02 p.m.

June 11th: Junior Awards presentation, 8:00 a.m., AHS Library.

June 14th: Class of 1998 Graduation, 1:00 p.m., Symphony Hall, Springfield.

June 15th: EIGHTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AHS Cafeteria.

June 16th: Final Examinations for underclass students: Period I, Period II, Period III.

June 17th: AFS FAREWELL, Captain Leonard House, 7:00 p.m.; Final Examinations for underclass students: Period IV, Period V.

June 18th: AHS School Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Final Examinations for underclass students: Period VI, Period VII.

June 19th: AHS Renaissance participants at the Ultra-Zone, Holyoke Mall, 4:00-10:00 p.m.; Make-up Examinations for underclass students.

June 22nd: Last day of school. Dismissal at 10:45 a.m.

June 28th: Present AFS students depart from AHS, 7:00 a.m.

James Arenstam On Spring Honors List At Vermont Tech. College

According to registrar Michael Dempsey, James E. Arenstam, a computer engineering technology major, was among 152 students to receive honors during the spring semester at Vermont Technical College.

To earn honors, a student must earn a quality point average of between 3.0 and 3.49. Students must be carrying at least 12 credits during the semester to qualify.



BROWNIE TROOP 543 from Phelps School recently hosted a fashion show at Agawam Baptist Church. From left - Brie Bobeck, Erin Nichols, Ali Bonavita, Abby Martin, Stephanie Ruehl, Jillian Van Ness, Nicole Proulx, Victoria Langone, and Aida Barnes.

Pack 75 Cub Scout Go Sailboating



CUB SCOUT PACK 75 Cub Scouts Paul Vermette, Colby Cannizzaro, and David Hebert, Jr., watch Michael Draghetti and Aaron Gouty participate in the "Rain Gutter Regatta." Two rain gutters were welded together and filled with water so the boys could use their wind pipes to move their homemade boats down to the end and turn them back to the finish line.

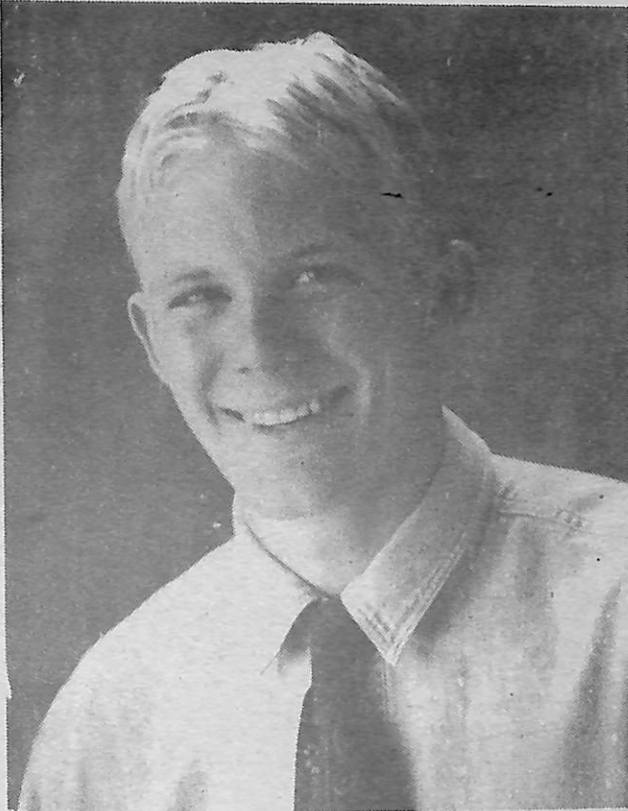
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JEFFREY ROUSSEAU

Jeffrey Rousseau Earns Spring Dean's List At WNEC

Jeffrey Rousseau has earned Dean's List standing for the spring semester at Western New England College.

He received a 3.48 for the semester and is currently working on his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Before matriculating to Western New England College, Jeffrey graduated from Agawam High School in 1996 as a member of the National Honor Society.

He attended the University of Hartford in 1996-97. At Hartford, he earned Dean's List standing all semesters from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Currently, Jeffrey is employed by the United States Soccer Federation and USISL as a professional soccer referee in the D-3 Pro League. He is the son of Robert and Janet Rousseau of Feeding Hills.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 8th: Pizze wedge with pepperoni, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday, June 9th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, steamed parsley rice, steamed carrots, rosy applesauce, dinner roll with butter, spice cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, June 10th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed garden salad with dressing, Italian bread and butter, peach crisp or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, June 11th: Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned niblet corn, chocolate cake with icing or fruit cup, milk.

Friday, June 12th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, chilled pears or ice cream cup, milk.

Katie LaBreck On College Dean's List

Katie LaBreck of 46 Faymore Drive, Agawam, a marketing major, has been named to the Quinnipiac College dean's list for the spring 1998 semester.

Quinnipiac College is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution located in Hamden, Connecticut. The college has approximately 230 full-time faculty and enrolls 3,500 full-time undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students in its Schools of Business, Health Sciences, Law and Liberal Arts. Quinnipiac College is rated No. 11 among all northern regional universities in *U.S. News and World Report's* 1998 edition of *America's Best Colleges*.

St. John's Pack 77 Scouts Study Indians



DEN 7 OF ST. JOHN'S Pack 77 studied Indians during the month of April. Following an Indian theme, the scouts wrote Indian stories, listened to Indian music, and learned some Indian sign language. Displaying the Indian drums and bracelets they made are, from left - Nick Abraham, Nick Sliech, Sean Walsh, Ryan Sullivan, and Brett Barker (missing from photo: Brenton Schively and Drew Campbell).

James Clark Students Enjoy Busy Month Of May; June Filled With Many Events

James Clark students had a busy month of May and will still be going strong in June. Our week-long book fair started the month as the students enjoyed getting two books for the price of one.

Wednesday, May 6th was Family Night, with students giving parents and family tours of their classrooms, picking up the spring Tupperware fundraiser, checking out the book fair, and enjoying a short program by Mrs. Robinson's kindergarten.

Friday, May 15th was a beautiful, sunny day for Fun Day (Field Day) with students and parent volunteers enjoying an outside lunch and then an afternoon of games and competitions, including

"Capture the Flag," "Tug of War," and an obstacle course.

Teachers were able to enjoy a special Teacher Appreciation lunch on Tuesday, May 19th even while classrooms were being relocated throughout the building.

The month ended with the Student Council's final popcorn sale of the year on May 27th, along with a "Crazy Clothes Day" (what a bunch of mismatched students!). And our Earth Day butterflies were released Thursday, May 28th.

June will continue being busy with our fourth-graders' picnic, and their moving-up ceremony, a volunteer brunch, an all-school ice cream party, and the PTO dinner meeting.

Decision Days Slated At Bay Path College

Bay Path College will offer two decision days for students interested in attending the four-year private women's college.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16th and 17th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., prospective students are invited to meet informally with admissions and financial aid representatives, tour the campus, and receive an admission decision. Arrangements may also be made to attend a class.

"One-stop-shopping is the plan," said Dean of Enrollment Caron Hobin. Students who come in with a completed application, high school transcripts, SAT scores, and letters of recommendation will have the application fee waived and receive an admission decision before they leave.

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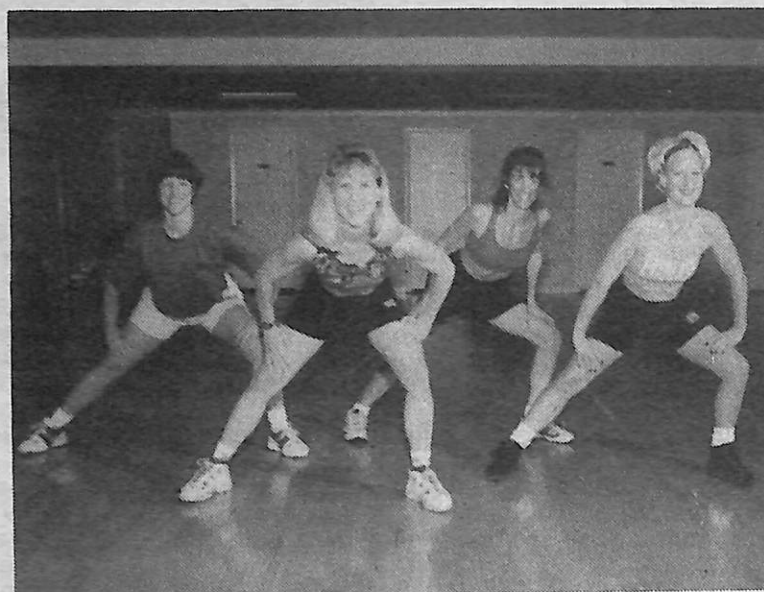
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Sports

AHS Baseball & Softball Contend For Division I Titles

Baseball Grabs 3rd Seed In WMass

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was the perfect evening for baseball. Two outstanding teams were at MacKenzie Field in Holyoke with the weather right out of a Henri Matisse painting.

Brian St. Jean, the Agawam pitcher, walked up to us and smiled, "What a great day for baseball." Indeed it was.

Unfortunately, the Brownies fell to Holyoke, 6-0. Agawam, with that loss, went to 15-5 and 5-3 in the Valley League. They grabbed the third seed in the Western Mass. Tournament. They will play their first game, against sixth-seeded Westfield, Monday, June 8th at Harmon Smith Field. Earlier in the season, they beat the Bombers (14-6, 6-2 in the Valley Wheel), 4-0 at Harmon Smith.

"This is our second season. We need to focus on the playoffs now," Brownie Coach Pete Clark said.

But the seeding makes no sense. Holyoke is the top dog. Agawam beat them once in two meetings. Pittsfield is number two. Agawam beat them big time, 12-4, in their only meeting of the season - out there. Central High beat the Brownies in their two meetings this season. The Golden Eagles are seeded fourth.

Holyoke should be number one. Agawam should be number two. Pittsfield should be down in the cellar along with the rest of the chumps. The Western Mass. title will be won by either Agawam, Holyoke, or Central with Westfield having an outside chance.

St. Jean pitched well vs. Holyoke. But on this beautiful evening, he met a hook ball pitcher who was at the top of his game. The kid's name is Pat Dowling. He is a junior and his curveball was as vicious as a badger. It dropped off the edge of the table. It hit the dirt before a hitter could take a pop at it.

Pat smiled later, "I started throwing the curve when I was about six years-old. I had to have surgery on my elbow because I threw it so much when I was so young. It doesn't always work, but today it did."

Tough Day For The Brownies

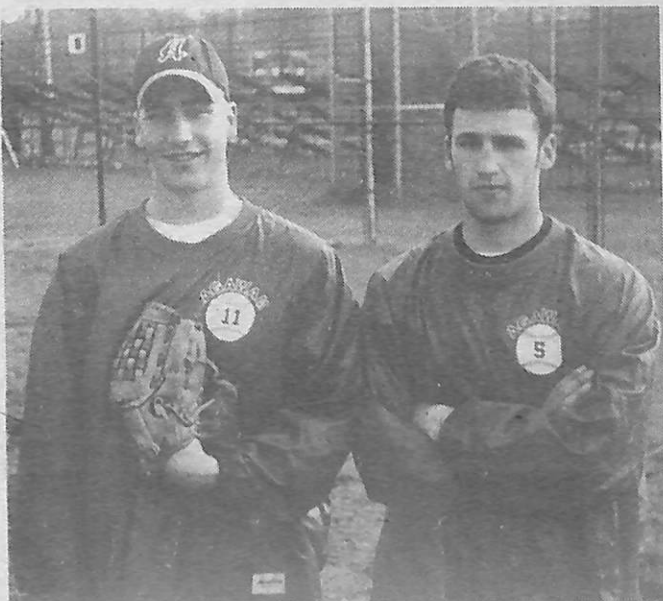
How much did it work? Agawam, which beat the Knights last month 7-4 at Harmon Smith Field (behind St. Jean), never had a chance in this one. The Brownies generated only two hits; a first inning lead-off single by Brady Martin in the first and a lead-off double in the seventh off the bat of Mike Wing.

Agawam's Ryan White came in to pitch in the fifth. He appeared on the rear end of a three singles, bases loaded situation and punched out the two Holyoke hitters. White, a good pitcher who has been injured, went the rest of the way. But the Brownies could never figure out Dowling.

PITCHING: B. St. Jean (L): 4 1/3 IP; 8 H; 6 R; 5 ER; 2 BB; 3 SO; 6.06 ERA. White: 1 2/3 IP; 0 H; 0 R; 0 ER; 1 BB; 2 SO; 0.00 ERA.

LINE SCORE:

AGAWAM: 0, 2, 1, LOB, 1, BA, 2/23 - 115.
HOLYOKE: 6, 8, 0, LOB, 5, BA, 8/26 - 325.



THE ST. JEAN BOYS, BRIAN (left) and ANDY, will need to be at the top of their games in the upcoming Western Mass. Division I tournament. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

10-0 Blowout Over Westfield Gives Brownies Big Push Going Into Softball Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Westfield High softball team was strutting big time last Friday afternoon. Agawam High was in town and they felt they could take the Brownies down like they'd done the first time they met, in an 8-1 debacle at Harmon Smith Field last month.

One thing in sports that you have to avoid is strutting too tall - because posturing can lead to a fall, which is just what happened to Westfield - 10-0 in this one. Both teams had tournament seedings in mind. Agawam, tournament tough for so many years, knew what it took to win.

Agawam, because of its strong finish, has the third seeding in the Western Mass. Tournament. It makes no sense. Wahconah, at 17-3, is from the boondocks. Could anyone tell us they played any power teams from our area? The number two seed, Springfield Sci-Tech, is a first-year program. How can they warrant a number two seed? That is preposterous! Agawam is number three. Last year's Western Mass. Division runner-up deserves better. Amherst Regional (14-4), who beat the Brownies twice this year, is in at number four. Who is doing these seeds?

Pittsfield was last season's Western Mass. Champions. They are the ninth seed at 14-6.

Jackobek At Top Form

Allie Jackobek pitched for Agawam against Westfield. She was at the pinnacle of her game, perhaps even better than her big strikeout day she enjoyed in the Brownies' 4-1 win over Longmeadow High several weeks earlier. She allowed but one hit, dusted five, and was never in

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SENIOR THIRD BASEMAN Amber Conte has raised her game another level in recent weeks. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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real trouble at any point in the game. Her teammates, who belted out nine hits, were there for her.

The Brownies, biding their time before a good crowd, struck in the third inning. The run, generated by Kristen Patterson by way of Steph Fleming and Dianna DiStefano, happened as quick as a wink.

Patterson belted a single through the hole at short and third and stole second. Fleming got on when the Bomber third sacker treater her drive like a grenade. Patterson used her speed to end up at the hot corner. DiStefano, just a sophomore and a rising star for the Brownies, laid down a bunt, scoring Patterson.

Agawam put the wood to the Bombers in the fifth. Patterson reached on an error. Fleming hit a duck to short and reached on a hustle single. Patterson raced to third on the desperation throw over to first. Then it was DiStefano's turn.

She stalked to the plate with no outs and runners at first and third. DiStefano saw the sign from Coach Debbie Lickley, who was camped out in the third base box. It was a bunt all the way. The sophomore catcher laid it down.

Bomber pitcher Dianna Aucella grabbed the ball and looked toward third, where Patterson was doing the Macerana halfway down the line. Patterson's methods were sound. She knew she couldn't score, but she also bought DiStefano enough time to reach first. The senior star also knew she had enough speed, helped by all the confusion she had created, to get back to the bag - which she did.

Conte Plays Best Softball Of Her Life

There were zero outs and Amber Conte, playing the best softball of her life, walked up to the dish. It was a table set just for her - the bases were full. The Bombers had no place to put her, so she put herself. The laser beam triple off her bat to right-center drove in three runs. Conte ended up at third.

There, she and Lickley got a tongue-lashing from the Bombers' third baseman. By then, the strut and trash talking had turned into a rubber-legged Charlie Chaplin routine. Freshman Jill Gendron made sure Conte vacated the bag with a sacrifice bunt and another score. It stood at 5-0, Agawam, into the bottom of the fifth.

Jackobek, in the zone, shut Westfield down without a problem in the bottom of the frame.

Her teammates added to the carnage in the top of the sixth. Freshman Amanda Merola drew a walk, stole second, and went on third on a passed ball. With one out, Patterson singled past short, driving in Merola. Fleming singled on a bunt. DiStefano came up and banged a ball to deep short, scoring Patterson. Conte walked and Fleming scored on a passed ball.

The Bombers were coming apart. Another passed ball scored DiStefano. Then Conte came home on another passed ball.

The score stood at 10-0 and wouldn't change. Agawam would end its regular season at 16-3 and 5-3 in the Valley League. Westfield ended up at 14-6 and 4-4 in the league.

BROWNIE STATS: Patterson: 2-5, 3 rs, 2 sb; Fleming: 2-4, 2 rs; DiStefano: 3-4, 1 rbi, 2 rs; Conte: 1-2 (3B), 2 rs; Gendron: 0-2, 1 rbi; Mastroianni: 0-4; Merola: 0-2, 1 rs; Moysis: 0-4.

PITCHING: Jackobek: 7 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 W, 5 SO, 0.00 ERA.

AGAWAM: 10, 9, 1, LOB, 5, BA, 9/31, .344.

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Conte's Fielding And Hitting Pushes AHS Past West Side In 2-1 Thriller

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There are some givens in life - you know, like taxes and the fact that someday we will all shuffle off to the big guy in the sky. There is another sure thing - whenever Agawam High and West Springfield High meet in any sport at any level, they'll fight each other harder than two cats in a sack.

That's why senior Kristen Patterson was all smiles last Wednesday after the Brownies' 2-1 win over the visiting Terriers. "It's always nice to beat West Side," she beamed.

Indeed, it was another nailbiter in a long history of good games made even better by the best town vs town rivalry in Western Massachusetts.

Agawam Coach Deb Lickley sent junior Lindsay Mason into the circle. Terrier Coach Deke Pillsbury went with Shawdy Sutherland. This game was stoked up another notch because both teams, headed to the playoffs, were looking to grab the best seeding possible. A win would get both clubs well up in the Division I hierarchy.

Brownies In Trouble Early On

Agawam got into deep trouble early on. After dusting the lead-off hitter in the first inning, Mason loaded the bases. She didn't become one of the best pitchers in Western Mass. by lying down and rolling over. With the sacks full, she got her two outs on a line shot to short and another liner to third. The two people on the receiving end of those tough outs were the two best at their positions in Western Mass. softball - Patterson and Amber Conte, respectively.

The game had evolved into a grim defensive battle by the fourth inning. The Agawam defense was highlighted by three straight stellar plays at third by Conte; one to end the third and the other two were the first and second outs in the West Side fourth. The second out was a backhanded job of a violent worm burner off the of Sutherland. Conte's expert stab and throw were right out of John Valentin's playbook.

West Side would score with two down, however. Gail Foley drew a walk. She was on the move when Brittany Wilkinson laced one to short leftfield. Brownies leftfielders Amy Mastroianni had to make a snap decision on a ball that had

more top spin on it than a Martina Hingis forehand. She decided to shoe-top it. The ball hit six inches short of her outstretched glove, bit on the grass, and sped by her and took off towards parts unknown. By the time centerfielder Steph Fleming tracked it down, West Side had run on the board.

Defense still carried the day until the sixth - the Agawam sixth. Amanda Merola laid down a bunt that Sutherland couldn't handle. Patterson walked. With no outs and runners at first and second, Fleming laid down a sacrifice bunt that saw the runners advance.

Brownies Take The Lead

Sophomore catcher Dianna DiStefano stalked to the dish and promptly laid down a short bunt. Terrier catcher Sara Pope grabbed the ball and tagged out Merola, who was racing home on the suicide squeeze. Agawam was down to its final out of the inning, with Patterson on third and DiStefano standing on second. Conte stepped in and singled to center, driving in two runs, making the score 2-1, Agawam.

Coach Debbie Lickley made a change in the top of the seventh, bringing in junior Alison Jackobek to mop up. And mop up she did. The Terriers' last gasp saw them KO'd in order by the Brownie hurler in a prime-time display of power pitching.

The result had the coach smiling when it was over. She was especially proud of the team's defense and pitching. "You know, when the season started, I never thought our pitching would carry us like it's been doing. And Amber is playing the best third base I've ever seen."

BROWNIE STATS: Patterson: 0-2, 1 rs; Fleming: 2-2, 1 sb; DiStefano: 0-3, 1 rs; Conte: 1-3, 2 rbi; Gendron: 0-3; Mastroianni: 0-2; Hadden: 1-2; Recigno: 0-1; Galluzzo: 0-1; Merola: 1-2, 1 sb.

PITCHING: Mason (w): 6 IP; 2 H; 1 R; 1 ER; 2 BB; 2 SO; 1.16 ERA. Jackobek (s): 1 IP; 0 H; 0 R; 0 ER; 0 BB; 3 SO; 0.00 ERA.

LINE SCORE:

West Springfield: 1 R; 2 H; 0 ERR; 0 RS; 5 LOB; 2/25.120 BA.

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Bryan O'Quinn The Goalie Heading For UMass Division I Men's Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you are a soccer fan and follow the Agawam High Brownies, you could never forget Bryan O'Quinn of the AHS Class of 1998. For three years, he barked out the marching orders for his mates. He was the voice behind their success.

You see, Bryan, from his position, saw the entire field. He made sure, with commands like a "DI," that the Brownie field players did the same. It was a rare time when the forwards, midfielders, defensemen, or sweeper didn't know just where they were on the field and who, on the opposition, they had to deal with.

Bryan was the archetypical keeper - he had to be the final defender in a game where one score could mean the difference between a win and a loss - where one mistake could blow an entire season.

Bryan turned 18 on February 4th. He is 5'10" and 170 pounds. He has been at AHS for four years. His course load this semester included AP English, practical law, AP biology, and psychology. He also took advanced math. Bryan was a fourth-year honor roll student as well as a fourth-year treasurer of the senior class.

His top course was practical law. Edward Merrill was his top instructor. "He is a modern guy. He relates to us and is easy to talk to," Bryan said of the long-time AHS teacher.

In the fall, Bryan will be going to UMass-Amherst. They recruited him for soccer as a keeper. It is a good deal for him. Bryan was All-Western Mass., All-State, and All-New England this year in that sport.

Three-Sport Player

His favorite sport is soccer, though he plays baseball and basketball. "I've played soccer since I was three years-old. I started out as a forward, but became a goalie." His most memorable sports moment came when he was a junior. "We beat Longmeadow in the Western Mass. semifinals. I was in the net. All of us had the heart and desire."

His vision of Agawam High boys' soccer is this: "Every year they will do well. We have the kids who will do it." For baseball, he has this to offer: "I've had two great coaches here - Boo Smith and (current coach) Pete Clark. Both understood the game. Boo was laid back. Coach Clark taught us the fundamentals."

His favorite food is chicken - any style.

Blue is Bryan's favorite color.

His top car is a 1996 Isuzu Rodeo. "I own it. I bought it because I earned the money for it as a soccer ref in the Pioneer Valley," he said.

His top pro team is England's National Club.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Bryan O'Quinn is one of the all-time great goalies for Brownie boys' soccer.

Their top team member, Allan Sherer, is Bryan's favorite athlete.

When he kicks back, it is at the house of his girlfriend, Laura Montagna.

His clothes include Adidas, especially their windpants.

Bryan likes alternative rock. "Tool, Metallica, and Creed are my favorites for now," he smiled.

Like many jocks, "SportsCenter" on ESPN is his top show on the tube. "A Few Good Men" is his big flick.

Bryan's mom's name is JoAnne. His dad is Al. He has a sister who is a junior at Clark University in Worcester.

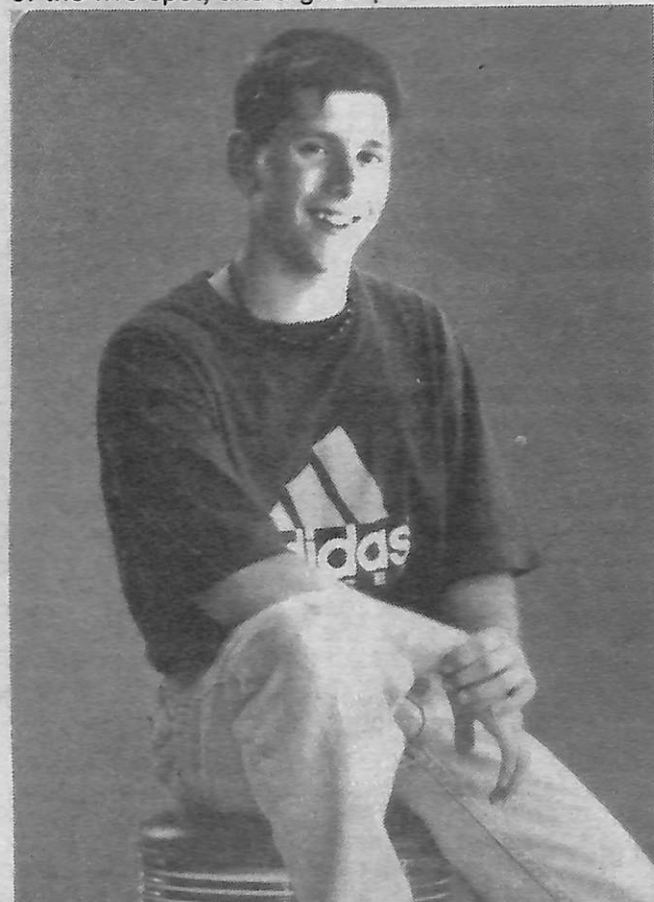
He looks up to his father, Al, who is the successful girls' freshman softball coach and always has a smile on his face. "My dad has always taught me about much more than athletics. I appreciate all he's done for me," Bryan said.

Bryan's days at AHS are coming to an end. When they are done, how would he like to be remembered? "I would like to be known as a kid who left it all on the field. I never let down. I gave it everything I had."

Agawam varsity soccer Coach Dwight Northrup had this to say about the graduating senior: "Bryan has made the Agawam soccer program one of the top quality programs in Western Mass. He has made everyone around him better."

"He's a very special captain. Bryan is as fine a player, talent-wise, as I've coached in 15 years. It has been a joy watching him mature. He simply treats people well, and they respond to him."

Baseball Coach Pete Clark had this to say of his player: "Bryan is the best centerfielder in our league. He is a great baserunner, a good hitter out of the five spot, and a good pitcher."



BRYAN O'QUINN also performed with distinction for the school's varsity basketball and baseball teams.

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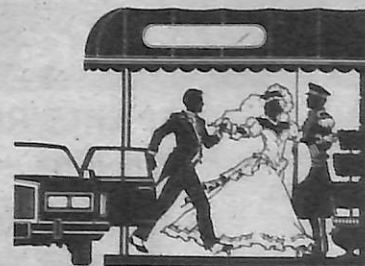
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U11 Girls - Cobras

The weather was great and so was the soccer the Agawam Cobras played all weekend long! The girls from Agawam continued to make a name for themselves, and to let the towns in the eastern part of the state know we sure do know how to play soccer here in Agawam.

The girls started their weekend off at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning facing a very strong Easton team. (The same team the Cobra girls defeated in the finals of our own Riverside Classic this past September!)

The game see-sawed back and forth with great up-and-down-the-field action. The Cobra girls took the lead twice, only to have Easton come from behind to tie it. Easton tied the game, 2-2, with about five minutes left. It looked like this game might very well end in a tie, but with less than two minutes to play, the Cobras were swarming around the Easton net. Left wing Jessica Lalli got off a good shot and drove it past the Easton goalie for a 3-2 Agawam victory.

Saturday afternoon brought on a team from Newfield, Long Island, New York. The Cobra offense got going early. Agawam wasted no time getting started. Their defense totally dominated the game. Lauren Peltier, Tiffany Manzi, Danielle Glantz, and Elise Davilli provided plenty of offense. Halfbacks Amy Lownds and Heather Albano played very well for the Cobras.

Sunday afternoon, the Cobras took on a team from Dartmouth, Mass. This game proved to be another easy victory for Agawam. Teresa Bonavita scored for the Cobras, and halfback Kelly Follis recorded her first goal!

On to the semi-finals on Monday morning. The Cobras took on FC Puma, a Maple team. Once again, their defense was strong. Fullbacks Liz Barker, Meagan Pokorny, and Leann Morytko had a strong game. Center halfback Kara Powell continued her domination of the middle. Agawam won, 2-0.

The finals brought back Easton, who had won the other semi-final match. This game, like the previous one, saw much all-over-the-field action. The Cobras played outstanding in the first half and the score was 2-0 at halftime. The girls from Easton never quit hustling, though, and with less than 10 minutes in the game, the score was 2-1, Cobras. Sweeper Lauren Fox, stopper Lauren Peltier, and halfbacks Julie Czuprynski and Kara Powell really stepped up their game.

They did a great job in keeping Easton away from the ball. With less than two minutes left in the game, right wing Tiffany Manzi took the ball from deep in her own half of the field. She marched her way up the right sidelines, putting a couple of great moves on the Easton defenders. She drilled the ball over the goalie's head to ice the game for the Cobras.

Goalies Stacy Boisvert and Jamie Cullen played well, each recording some key saves, especially in both of the Easton games.

This Memorial Day Tournament victory for the Cobra girls marks their third straight tournament win as Under 11 year-olds. The Cobras have previously won the Riverside Labor Day Classic and the Windsor, CT Columbus Day Classic in the fall of 1997.

They have won their U-11 Pioneer Valley A Division for the second consecutive season, and as of this writing, are anxiously awaiting the start of the Mass. Tournament of Champions State Cup.

On behalf of all the Cobras and their parents, I would like to thank Coach Denny Marr and Assistant Coaches Steve Fox and Dave Boisvert for all their time and effort on the girls' behalf. They sure are doing something right!

I would also like to take a minute to congratulate the 10 Cobras who play on the Pioneer Valley Pride. This is the PVJSL sponsored MAPLE team. The Pride was seeded first in the MAPLE post-season tournament out of 24 teams. The tournament started May 30th and 31st and will conclude June 6th and 7th. The Pioneer Valley Pride team is coached by Denny Marr and Marty Davilli of Agawam. The 10 Cobra girls who are members of the team are Liz Barker, Stacy

U11 Cobras Win Memorial Day Tourney



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U11 Cobras, winners of a recent Memorial Day Tournament. Team members are, back row, from left - Coach Dave Boisvert, Coach Steve Fox, and Coach Denny Marr. Third row - Teresa Bonavita, Kelly Follis, Jessica Lalli, and Liz Barker. Second row - Heather Albano, Julie Czuprynski, Lauren Peltier, Tiffany Manzi, Danielle Glantz, and Kara Powell. First row - Meagan Pokorny, Elise Davilli, Jamie Cullen, Stacy Boisvert, Lauren Fox, Leann Morytko, and Amy Lownds.

Boisvert, Jamie Cullen, Julie Czuprynski, Elise Davilli, Lauren Fox, Tiffany Manzi, Lauren Peltier, Meagan Pokorny, and Kara Powell.
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U13 Boys - Dynamos

The U13 boys' team, the Dynamos, traveled to Amherst, New Hampshire for the Memorial Day weekend. The team, due to injuries and players unable to make the tournament, were down to 13 players for the weekend.

Coach Jeff Rousseau and Assistant Coach Glen Olson played their first game on Saturday against Hopkinton. The boys played well and won their first contest, 6-0. The second game was against Derry, New Hampshire, who had also won their first game, 3-0.

The Dynamos were up for the challenge and took their second game, 5-1. On Sunday, the Dynamos saw their chance to clinch a position for playoffs on Monday and managed to get by Milford, 2-1.

Although the team had yet to be tested, the Dynamos' skill at passing the ball and playing a good full-field game of soccer was proving to be a winning combination. The semi-final game on Monday morning was played against a strong Groton team, who had beaten two of their opponents in their division, 4-0, on the weekend.

The first half of the game was exciting with the ball moving rapidly up and back, with shots by both teams. The half ended scoreless. In the second half, the Dynamos went with their game plan, passing the ball and using the entire field, finally putting one into the net 10 minutes into the half.

That one goal broke open the offense which responded with two more quick goals to win the game 3-0 and send the team to the finals.

In their final game, the Dynamos faced Bedford, the team that had also won their division. The game was a scoreless tie after the first half with both goalies making superb saves for their teams. The ball was constantly in play and both teams had numerous chances. Fifteen minutes into the second half, the Dynamos capitalized on a pass up the left wing and a nice cross to score the first goal of the game.

Bedford was not to be denied, however, and 10 minutes later, scored on a nice shot, tying the game, 1-1. The game remained tied after regulation and went into the first five-minute overtime.

Both Coach Rousseau and Coach Olson told the boys to stick with their game plan and continue to play hard. Coach Olson said, "When the next goal comes, it will be the sweetest goal you score in the tournament." Two minutes into over-

U13 Dynamos Wins Amherst, NH Tourney



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U13 Dynamos, winners of a Memorial Day Soccer Tournament in Amherst, New Hampshire. Back row, from left -Assistant Coach Glen Olson, Dave Bienia, Brian Marsh, Joe Stevenson, Bruce LeClair, Ryan Lynch, Vin Martucci, Paul Pilegi, and Coach Jeff Rousseau. Front row - Joe Penna, Paul Lagasse, James Messier, Chris Evans, Mike McGeoghan, and Mark LeClair.

time, striker Mike McGeoghan got a pass on the right wing, outran the defender, and took a far post shot from the 18 that rolled past the Bedford goalie into the back of the net for the win.

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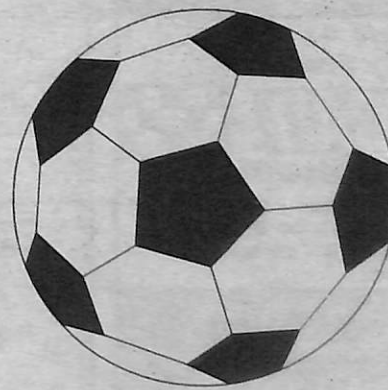
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Reed's Giants	2	1
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E. Cecchi's Sharks	0	4
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GIRLS 10-13	W	L
Mutti's Tolti's Black	2	4
Borsari's River Auto Service	6	1
Kelly's Agawam Credit Union	6	2
Bishop's American Classics	0	7
Cullen's Riverside Park	5	2
Francis's Poolman	6	2
Pisano's T & R Wholesale	1	6

GIRLS 8-10	W	L
Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	2	5
Stan's Orange Tigers	3	3
Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	2	4
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Bridgeport National Royals	5	3
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	5	4
Polish Club Orioles	4	4
Sport's Photo Inc. Mets	4	5
Valenti's Dodgers	3	5
Hastie Fence Athletics	3	6
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TEAMS	W	L
Berkshire Power Padres	8	1
Christina's Rockies	4	4
Fran's Restaurant Indians	3	4
AAMCO Yankees	3	5
Bill Walsh Royals	2	5

Bridgeport Bindery Player of the Week: Andrew Wynne, Rockies.

Gillan Fishing Derby A Big Success At Springfield Turnverein

The "Thomas Gillan Memorial" Fishing Derby was held recently for the children and grandchildren of the members of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam.

Many awards were presented. The first fish caught by a boy was by Brian Muldrew, age 2½ years, and for the girls by Elizabeth Barker.

The largest fish caught by a boy was a 15¼" trout caught by Russell Linder and for the girls, a 13 1/8" trout caught by Angelina Rinaldi. These names will be placed on a plaque at the Club that honors Tom Gillan.

Trophies for the youngest fisherman went to Kyle Beroth, age four, and youngest fisherwoman to Briana Eggleston, age four.

Although the rain shortened the Derby, all that attended enjoyed the morning and each child received a gift.

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ASA Soccer - continued...

U13 Girls - Tigers

The U13 Agawam Tigers have picked up their play considerably since Memorial Day Weekend as the team reached the finals in the always tough Nashua, New Hampshire Girls' Soccer Tournament.

Prior to the holiday tournament, the undermanned Tigers fell in league play to the Wilbraham Falcons, 2-1 at the Middle School on Thursday, May 21st. It was another one of those games where strong winds created problems for both teams.

The Tigers assumed a 1-0 edge midway through the first half when right wing Kaitlin Sardella fired a shot into the goalmouth from 30 yards out and the ball deflected off a Wilbraham fullback's knee and into the net.

Wilbraham came back to score the tying and winning goals in the second half despite another strong effort by goalie Vicky Taylor. At presstime the Falcons and Tigers were tied for third in U13 Division I.

The Memorial Day Weekend Tournament saw the Tigers return to the tenacious, all-around form of the 1997 fall season by reaching the finals before being dismissed by pre-tournament favorite, Andover, Mass., 2-0.

The Tigers ended a goal-scoring drought against a strong field of teams. Leading the scoring parade were left wing Jen Sharpe (3 goals, assist), center-fullback Ellen Rannenberg (3 goals), right wing/striker Kaitlin Sardella (2 goals, 3 assists), striker/fullback Melissa Savenko (goal and assist), and single tallies from left-halfback Aimee Beaudette, wing Kelly Reilly, and halfback Victoria Ruhl.

Goalie Vicky Taylor was spectacular, particularly in victories over MAPLE team Post Road, league rival Westfield, and in the setback to Andover. Danielle Cirillo (2 assists), performing at center halfback for the first time, gave the Tigers a strong presence in the midfield. Halfbacks Nicole Gendreau and Aimee Beaudette, and fullbacks Sheri Laskowski and Tricia Fitchben, and sweeper Kim Hoague all performed well.

The Tigers opened the tourney on Saturday with a 2-1 comeback win vs. Conval, NH, a team with only one loss so far this spring. The Tigers dominated this game from start to finish but found themselves on the short end of a 1-0 score at intermission. Conval tallied on a wind-blown shot that sailed high into the goal from 45 yards out midway in the first half.

On the team's eighth corner kick of the second half with five minutes left, halfback Victoria Ruhl deflected in a shot following a wild scramble in the goalmouth for the 1-1 deadlock. Two minutes later, Ellen Rannenberg punched in a penalty kick after Conval was charged with a handball in the box for the much deserved 2-1 win.

Late Saturday afternoon, the Tigers faced a stern test from Post Road MAPLE team, another pre-tournament favorite. This was perhaps the Tigers' best overall game of the spring.

After Post Road scored early in the first half, the Tigers began to pound the ball into the Post Road end. It paid dividends when striker Melissa Savenko collected a pass from Kaitlin Sardella and Melissa grounded a left-footer past the diving goalie for the 1-1 tie.

With 10 minutes left in the half, center-half Danielle Cirillo sent a ball deep into the Post Road zone that eluded the defenders and left their goalie chasing the ball with Tigers' right wing Kaitlin Sardella. The Tigers' forward barely won the race and rifled a drive into the upper left corner from 20 yards out for the 2-1 lead.

The second half saw Post Road apply pressure in the Agawam end only to be thwarted by defenders Sheri Laskowski, Ellen Rannenberg, and Tricia Fitchben, as well as sweeper Kim Hoague (who played one of her best game's ever). Goalie Vicky Taylor frustrated Post Road with several key saves. Midfielders Aimee Beaudette, Nicole Gendreau and Victoria Ruhl played well on the sides, and Danielle Cirillo was a machine in the middle.

The Tigers had seemingly sealed the win with less than three minutes to go when winger Jen Sharpe's goal was disallowed after an inadvertent collision with the goalie.

Early Sunday morning was a walk in the park as the locals demolished North Kingston, Rhode Island, 6-0. Jen Sharpe led the scoring march with two goals and an assist. Singletons were registered by Aimee Beaudette, Kelly Reilly (solid game on wing), and Ellen Rannenberg, and Kaitlin Sardella had a goal and two assists.

On to the semi-finals on Memorial Day, the Tigers battled league rival Westfield in what was by far the season's most intense and physical game. The Tigers scored twice in the opening 35 minutes to keep the pressing and very aggressive Whip City team at bay.

The first goal came when Danielle Cirillo sent a ball into the penalty area that was converged on by striker Melissa Savenko and left wing Jen Sharpe. Jen beautifully half-volleyed the boun-

U13 Tigers Runners-Up In Nashua, NH



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U13 Tigers finished as runners-up in the Memorial Day Soccer Tournament in Nashua, New Hampshire. Back row, from left - Coach Ed Brown, Assistant Coach Frank Fitchben, and Assistant Coach Joe Ruhl. Middle row - Jen Sharpe, Victoria Ruhl, Melissa Savenko, Kaitlin Sardella, Sheri Laskowski, Whitney Brown, Danielle Cirillo, and Aimee Beaudette. Front row - Nicole Gendreau, Tricia Fitchben, Ellen Rannenberg, Vicky Taylor, Kim Hoague, and Kelly Reilly.

ding ball into the net for her third goal of the tourney.

What proved to be the winning tally came after winger Kaitlin Sardella was driven into the turf by a Westfield fullback as she was cutting into the penalty area. The Tigers were awarded a direct kick from 20 yards out and Ellen Rannenberg's shot was high and on target into the upper corner for the 2-0 lead (her second game-winner of the weekend).

Westfield scored late in the game on a direct kick after a takedown just outside the penalty area. They applied heavy pressure on goalie Vicky Taylor in the final 10 minutes only to again be denied. Fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Sheri Laskowski, and sweeper Kim Hoague were gritty to the end.

In the championship game, huge, skilled, and athletic Andover (resembling a high school hoop team), considered one of the state's top club teams, pinned and pressed the Tigers from virtually the opening whistle. The Tigers missed two good chances to score early-on and then were throttled the rest of the way.

A sprained ankle to keeper Kim Hoague left the Tigers with one sub. The scoreless first half was totally due to the Tigers' hustle and goalie Vicky Taylor.

Andover struck for two second half goals as the Tigers simply wore down and ran out of gas in the hot sun. Andover was subbing six players at a time and Vicky Taylor and her defenders were under heavy bombardment from all angles.

During the awards ceremonies, Vicky Taylor by far received the loudest applause, especially from Andover's coaches and parents.

The Tigers' parents thank head Coach Ed Brown and assistants Frank Fitchben and Joe Ruhl for their hard work over the weekend, and to parent Joanne Taylor for her pre-tournament planning.

Springfield Turnverein To Host Gym Meet

If you like gymnastics, you're in for a treat June 13th and 14th as the Springfield Turnverein Club, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills hosts the annual Gymnastics Turnfest competition.

Talented young gymnasts from our local Turnverein Club will compete with those from several other Turnverein Clubs in Massachusetts and as far away as Providence, Rhode Island in vault, parallel bars, beam, and floor routines.

Events will begin each day at 7:00 a.m. and continue throughout the morning and afternoon. Highlights on Sunday will include an impressive drill routine with a "Titanic" theme and a dazzling Rock 'n' Roll competition.

The gymnastics program at the Springfield Turnverein Club provides boys and girls from preschool through high school with a full range of gymnastics instruction, from classes to beginners to competition teams.

If your son or daughter is interested in gymnastics, the Turnfest would be a great time to see the competition teams show their awesome talent as they participate in this gymnastics meet!

Admission is free each day, and we encourage you to come out and cheer the teams on! For more information, please contact Brad Prouty at 786-1978, Debbie Suprenant at 789-1860, or Marianne Margiotta at 789-4008.

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Before the sun is fully up, lures such as pencil poppers and oversized Sluggos or Fin-S-Fish can be deadly. Try fishing the areas where the deep water meets the shallow flats. Don't overlook fishing surface baits in the middle of the river, over the main channel.

Once the bright sun comes out, about the only thing that will produce is live herring. Step one is to catch some live herring with a small shad dart or willow leaf.

Some of the places to find herring are areas around bridge supports, which cause the current to run faster. When the water is shut off upstream and there is almost no current, herring can be quite difficult to locate and catch.

Some of the real fanatics (guilt as charged) tow a boat to the Charter Oak Boat Launch in Hartford, CT, and net a day's supply at the hot water discharge from the power plant. Then we load up the boat onto the trailer and launch up here, or try to navigate the rapids below the Enfield Dam.

Herring can be notoriously difficult to keep alive, even in a bass boat with live wells. An inexpensive alternative that will keep 50 herring alive and frisky can be made from a plastic 55- or 30-gallon drum.

Cut the drum down to a manageable size and drill a one-inch hole for a drain near the top of the drum. Use a 1 1/4-inch fitting (you will really have to force this) to go through the hole. Then take a corresponding size of corrugated hose (like for a swimming pool vacuum) and hang it overboard.

For about \$25 or \$30, you can buy a 1,000 gallon-per-hour bilge pump. The ones manufactured by Rule will connect quite nicely to a washing machine drain hose. Simply connect the bilge pump to a 12-volt battery and stick the hose into the top of the drum and the rest is easy.

Once the boat is out of the water, place the pump in the drum and recirculate the water. It helps to take a piece of one-inch pvc pipe with a dozen quarter-inch holes drilled in-line and an end cap on the end. Fit this into the open end of the hose from the pump and place it in the drum so that the recirculated water sprays, creating a source of oxygenated water.

If you get stuck and really need to see one, give me a call.

FISH REPORTS

For daily reports on striper activity between Holyoke and Old Saybrook, try <http://www.ctriver.strippers.com>.

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth) action has been good at Congamond, Hampton Ponds, and Otis Reservoir.

Trout action has slowed with the warmer surface temperatures; however, they can be caught in deeper water. Try checking some of the spring holes in Congamond's North Pond.

St. Anne's CC Set To Host Tourney For Kid's Charity

St. Anne Country Club will host the second Annual *Take a Child to Heart!* golf scramble Friday, June 19th.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the regional outreach and educational program. This program educates the community about children in foster care and dispels myths about the process for becoming an adoptive or foster parent.

The cost for a team of four is \$65 per person. The cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. Tournament organizers are hoping for more than 100 participants this year. Golfers, novice to expert, are encouraged to come out and play. Last year, 60 golfers and non-golfers participated.

For more information, call (413) 452-3350. Deadline for registration is June 10th. Prize contributions are also welcome and will be accepted the day of the event.

The Western Regional Adoption/Foster Care Development Unit is responsible for recruitment activities for Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties.

Tim Bennett Golf Planned For June 13th At Agawam CC

The fourth Annual Tim Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 13th, with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. at the Agawam Country Club.

The proceeds from the tournament have been used to fund a yearly physics scholarship at Agawam High School. This year, a mathematics prize will be added at the High School, plus funds to be used at the Middle School in memory of science teacher Mary Lou Squeglia.

Included in the day-long event will be awards, prizes, and a delicious lunch at the Polish American Club. Donation is \$50 and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food, and prizes. Friends not wishing to play golf may attend the luncheon for a donation of \$12.

Reservations are encouraged and may be made by calling Elaine Squeglia at 525-5073, but four-somes may be arranged the morning of the tournament.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
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You Must Accelerate...

Acceleration is essential in every shot from a drive to a putt. However, making the ball the ultimate target often causes the clubhead to reach peak speed too soon, so that it actually decelerates into the impact area.

To make sure you accelerate, place a ball two feet in front of the one you're hitting and directly in line with the target. Now swing, making sure that your hands lead the clubhead out over the ball without slowing down.

If you aim your attention at the second ball, there'll be no slowing down, and you'll derive maximum clubhead speed from your swing.



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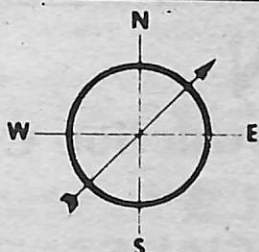
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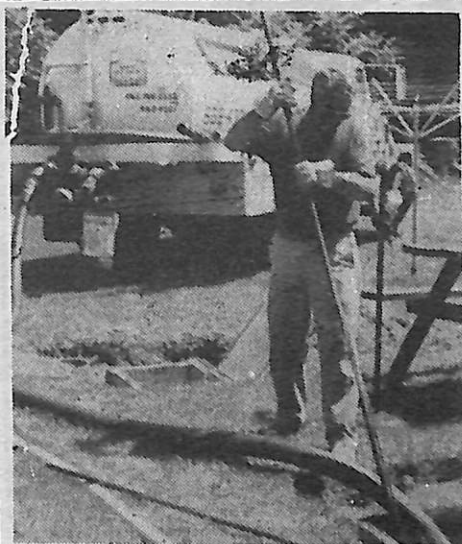
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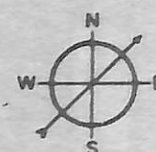
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